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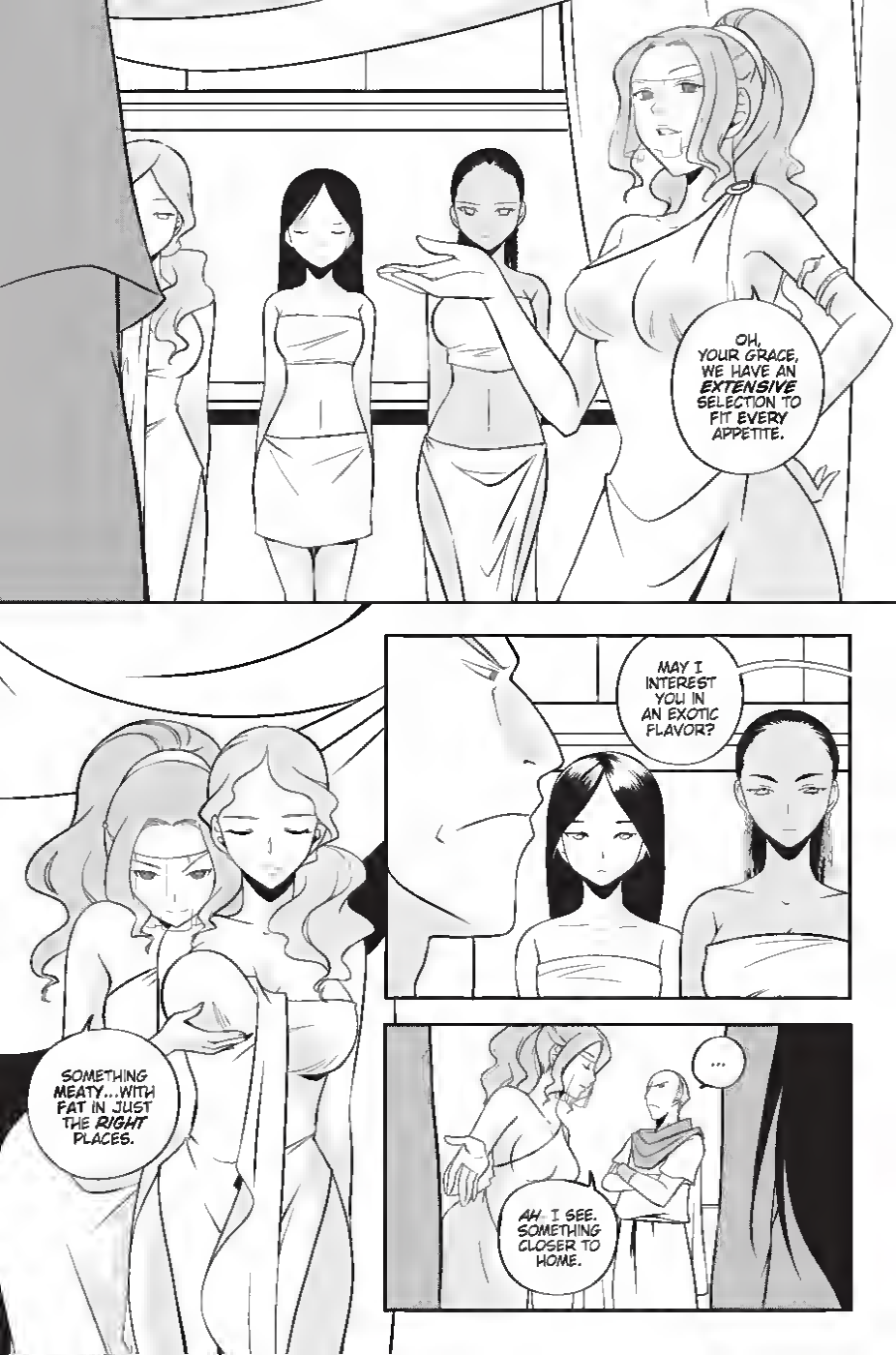
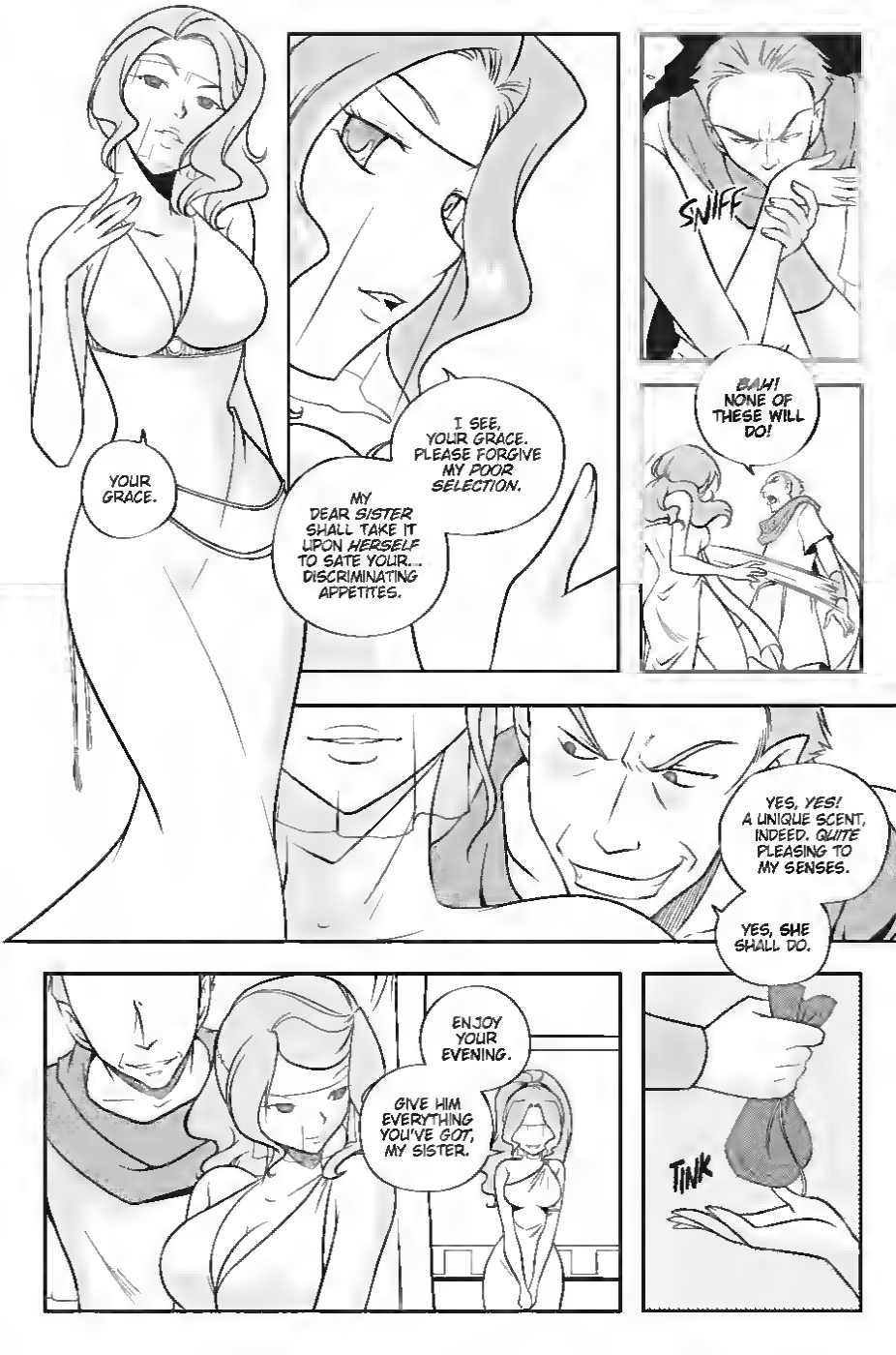
VAMPIRE
CHEERLEADERS
"HIGH STAKES"
STORY ADAM ARNOLD
ART SHIEI

ANCIENT ROME
AH, VIBIUS PRISCUS YOU HONOR US GREATLY WITH YOUR PRESENCE.
YES, YES THE PLEASURE IS MINE. THERE ARE SO FEW PLACES IN THE EMPIRE THAT AGREE TO CATER TO MY SPECIAL TASTES.
NOW GET ON WITH IT, MADAM. I'M NEEDED BACK IN THE SENATE, BUT COULD USE A QUICK SNACK.


OH, YOUR GRACE, WE HAVE AN EXTENSIVE SELECTION TO FIT EVERY APPETITE.
MAY I INTEREST YOU IN AN EXOTIC FLAVOR?
SOMETHING MEATY...WITH FAT IN JUST THE RIGHT PLACES.
...
AH. I SEE. SOMETHING CLOSER TO HOME.

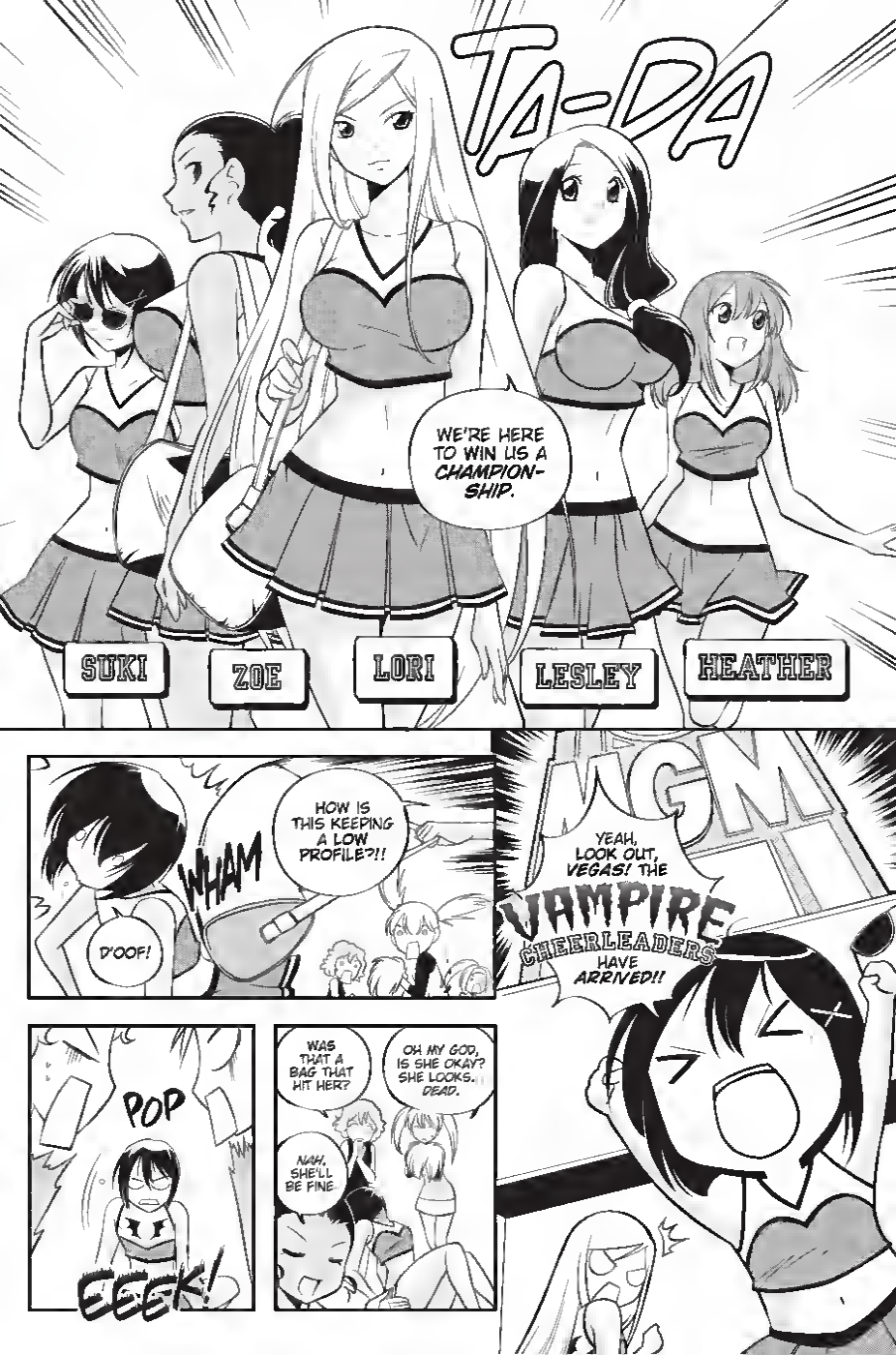

YOUR GRACE.
I SEE, YOUR GRACE. PLEASE FORGIVE MY POOR SELECTION.
MY DEAR SISTER SHALL TAKE IT UPON HERSELF TO SATE YOUR... DISCRIMINATING APPETITES.
SNIFF
BAH! NONE OF THESE WILL DO!
YES, YES! A UNIQUE SCENT, INDEED. QUITE PLEASING TO MY SENSES.
YES, SHE SHALL DO.
ENJOY YOUR EVENING.
GIVE HIM EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT, MY SISTER.
TINK

MMMMHHH!
OOOO!
OOOOO!
I TRUST OUR PRIVACY WILL NOT BE COMPROMISED?
SOUND TRAVELS WELL FROM THE OTHER ROOMS.
NO ONE CAN HEAR A THING, YOUR GRACE. NOW THEN...
IT IS TIME TO FEAST, SENATOR.
YES, COME TO ME!

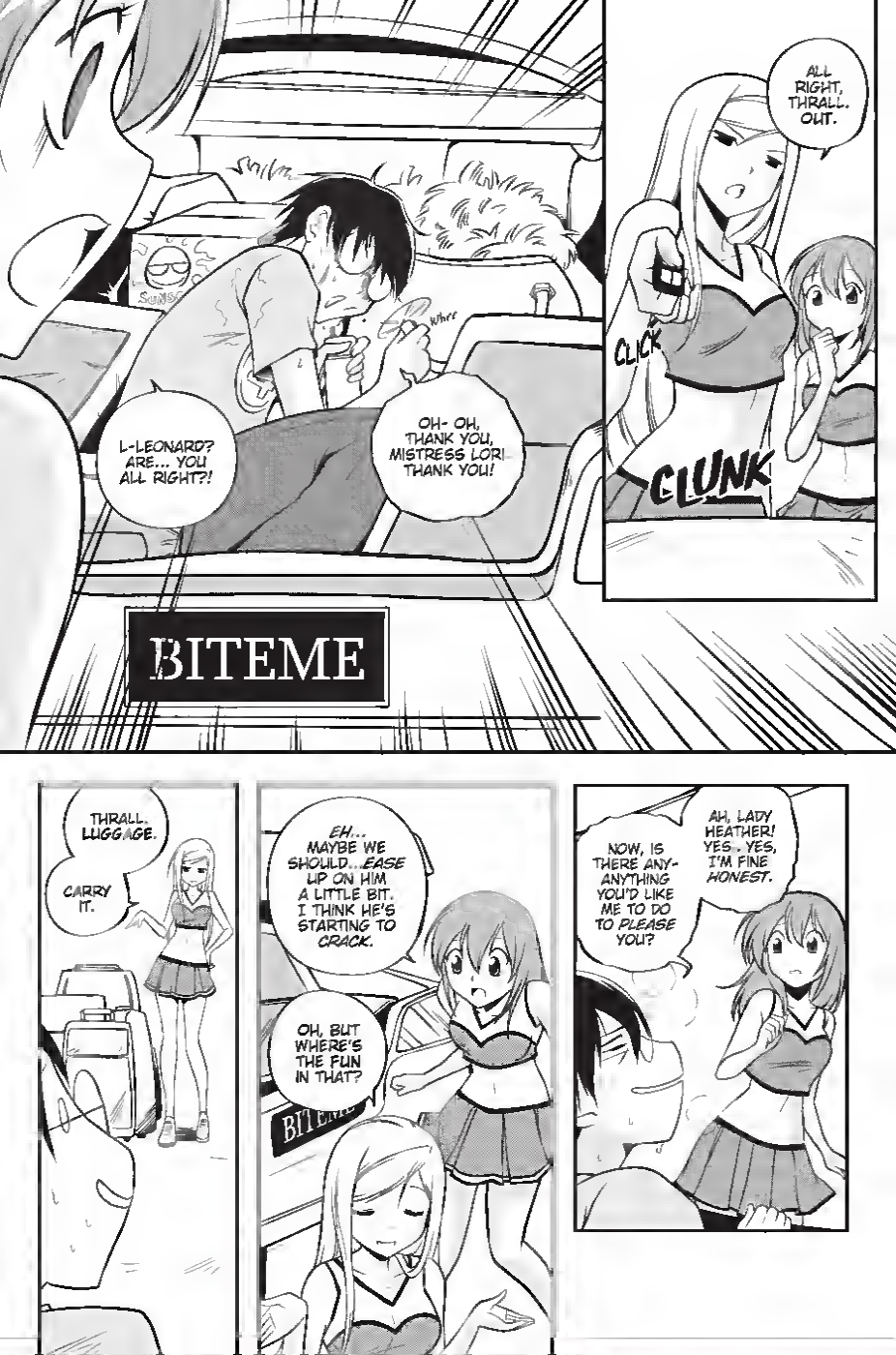
SLIP
AS YOU WISH
PUSH
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE LIKE YOU BEFORE.
FLASH
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU HAVEN'T.

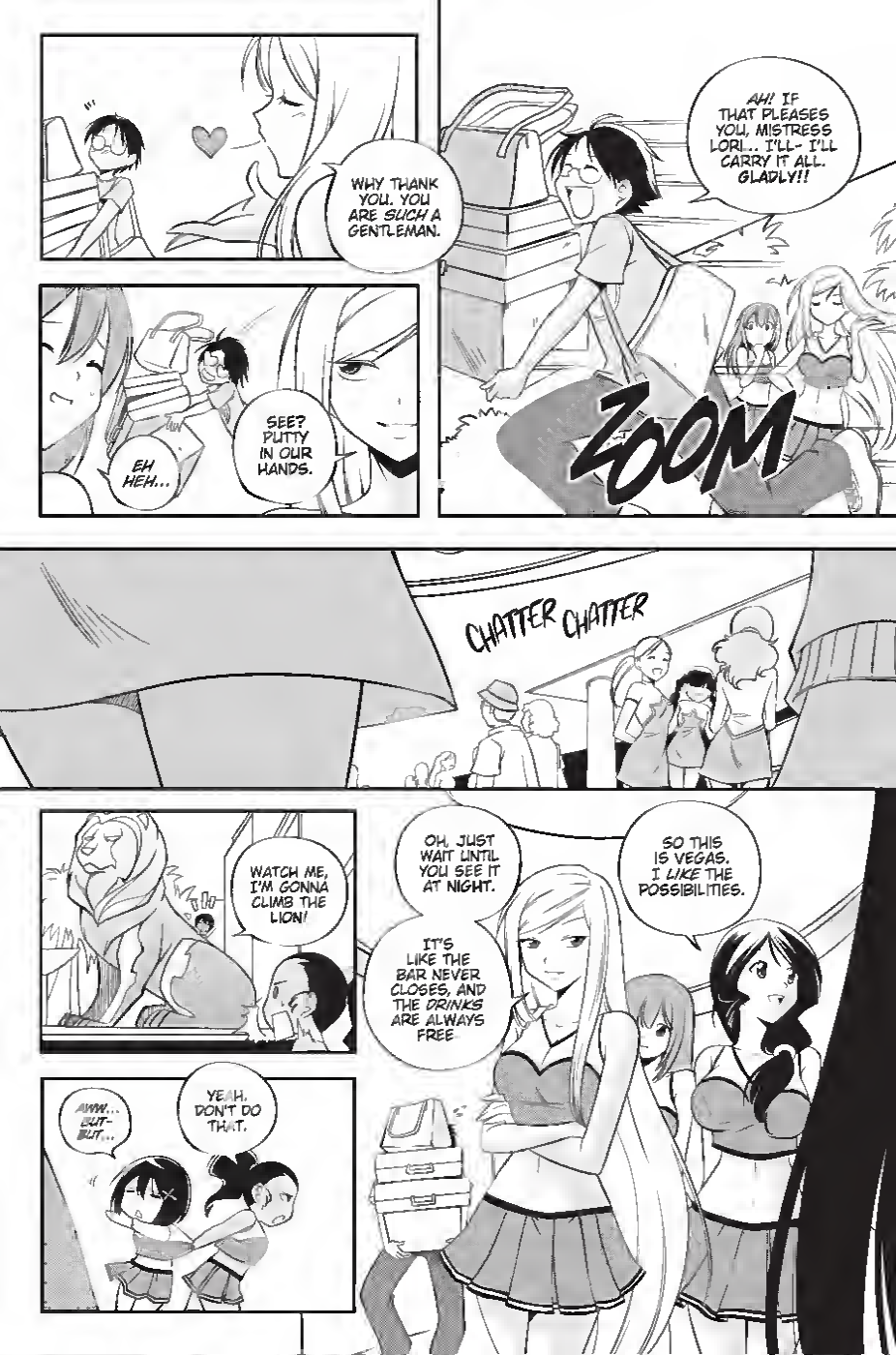
AH...!
THERE'S NO USE RESISTING.
THE PARALYSIS WON'T WEAR OFF UNTIL *AFTER* I'M DONE.
RIPP
OH, I *LOVE* THE TASTE OF VAMPIRE FLESH ON A WARM SUMMER'S EVENING.
GAAAH!

PRESENT DAY
WELCOME
TO Fabulous
LAS VEGA
NEVADA
2012 NATIONAL CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP
TIME TO TUCK IN THOSE FANGS AND KEEP YOUR COOL, GIRLS.

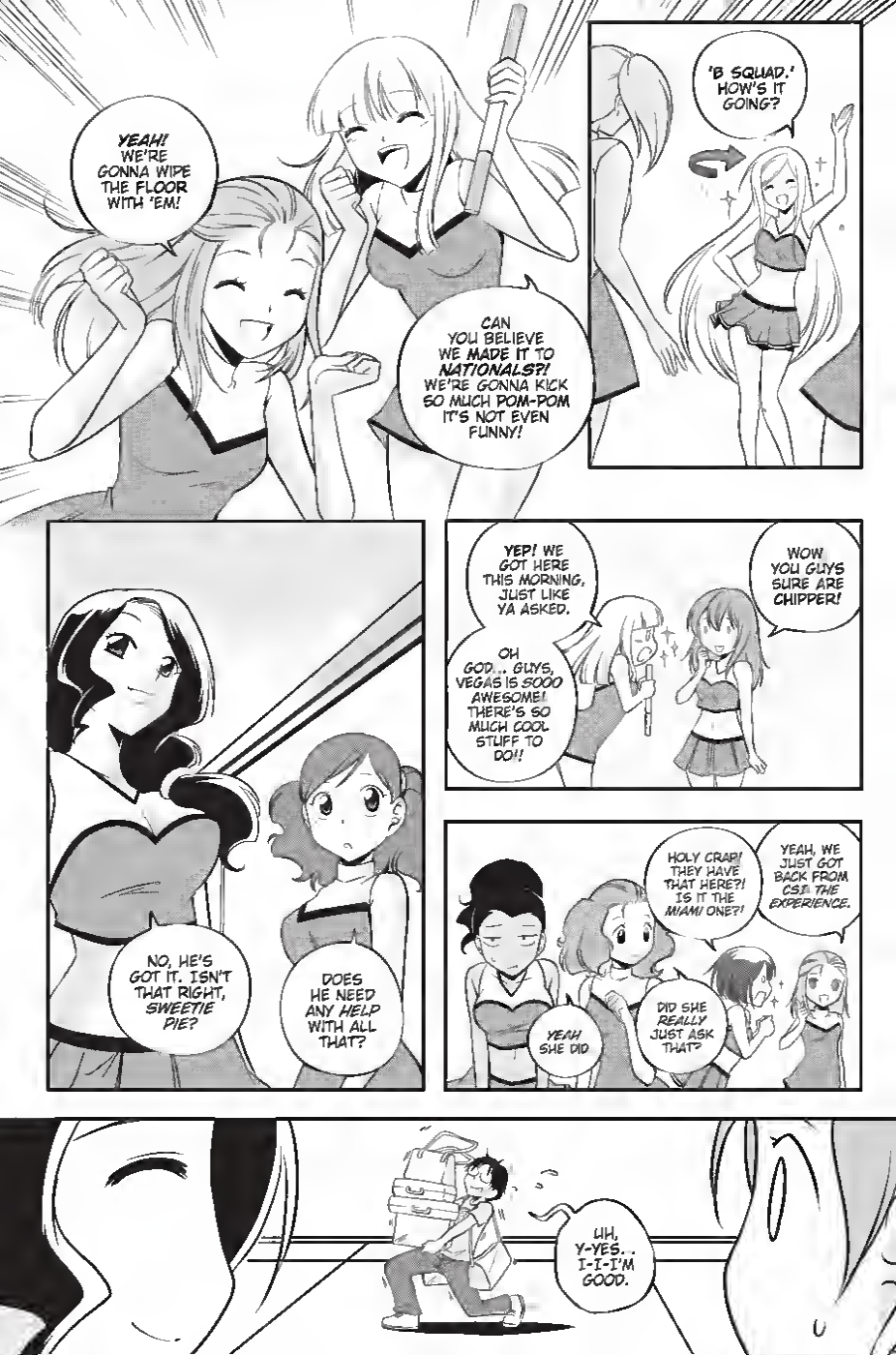

TA-DA
WE'RE HERE TO WIN US A CHAMPION-SHIP.
SUKI
ZOE
LORI
LESLEY
HEATHER
WHAM
HOW IS THIS KEEPING A LOW PROFILE?!!
D'OOF!
MGM
YEAH, LOOK OUT, VEGAS! THE VAMPIRE CHEERLEADERS HAVE ARRIVED!!
POP
EEEK!
WAS THAT A BAG THAT HIT HER?
OH MY GOD, IS SHE OKAY? SHE LOOKS... DEAD.
NAH, SHE'LL BE FINE.

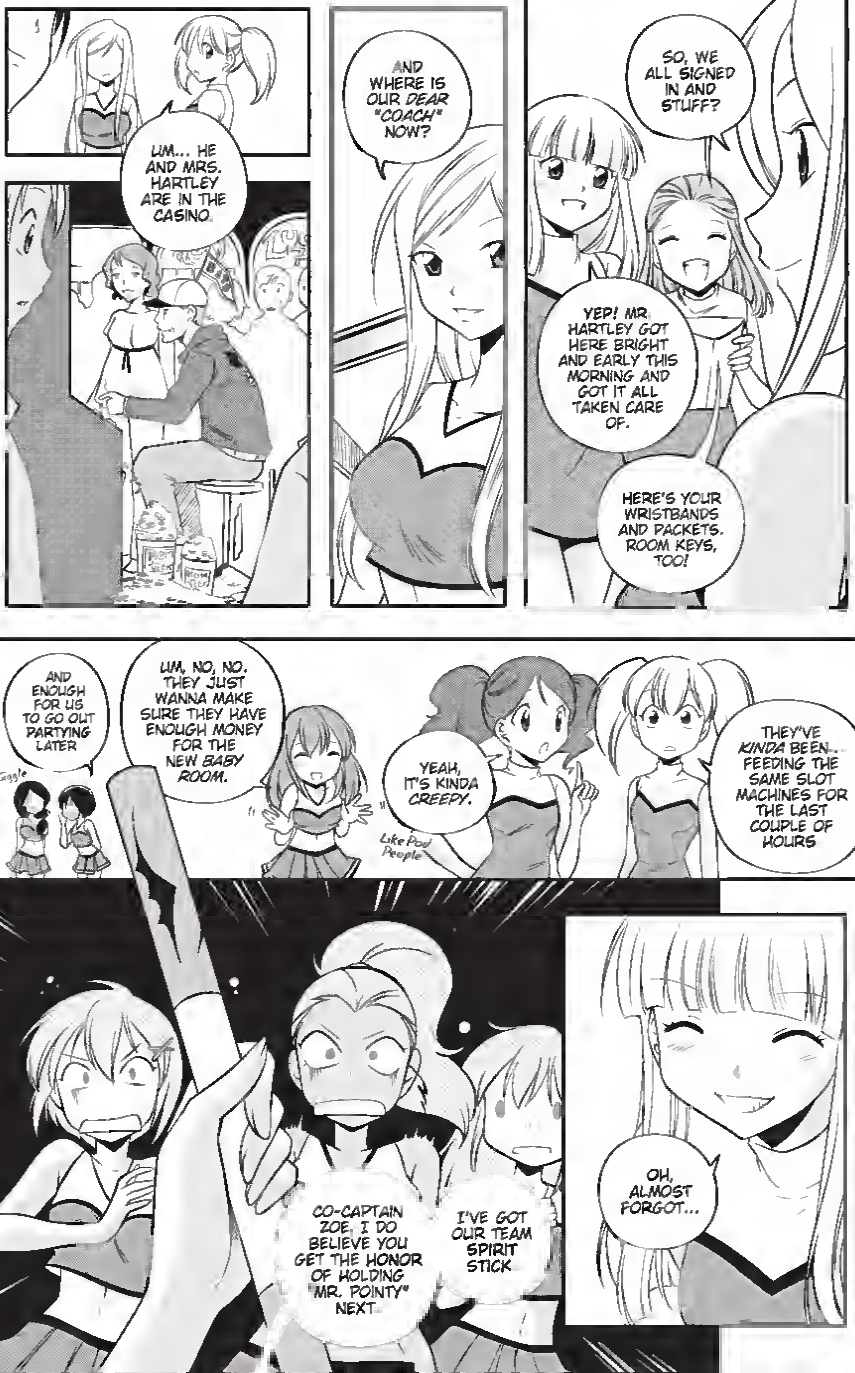
PLEEEASE. WHAT'S THERE TO KILL? EVEN YOUR BRAIN CELLS ARE BEYOND RIGOR MORTIS.
ARGH!! WHAT THE HELL, LORI?! YOU COULDA KILLED ME WITH THAT THING!!
GRRR
SIGH...
@$#&!
#*$%!
!
OW! OW! OWW!
UGH, THE LOVE BIRDS ARE AT IT AGAIN..
It's going to be one long weekend.
COME ALONG, YOU TWO.


L-LEONARD? ARE... YOU ALL RIGHT?!
OH- OH, THANK YOU, MISTRESS LORI! THANK YOU!
ALL RIGHT, THRALL. OUT.
CLICK
CLUNK
BITEME
THRALL. LUGGAGE.
CARRY IT.
EH... MAYBE WE SHOULD...EASE UP ON HIM A LITTLE BIT. I THINK HE'S STARTING TO CRACK.
OH, BUT WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?
NOW, IS THERE ANY-ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE ME TO DO TO PLEASE YOU?
AH, LADY HEATHER! YES. YES, I'M FINE HONEST.


WHY THANK YOU. YOU ARE SUCH A GENTLEMAN.
AH! IF THAT PLEASES YOU, MISTRESS LORI... I'LL- I'LL CARRY IT ALL. GLADLY!!
ZOOM
SEE? PUTTY IN OUR HANDS.
EH HEH...
CHATTER CHATTER
WATCH ME, I'M GONNA CLIMB THE LION!
OH, JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE IT AT NIGHT.
SO THIS IS VEGAS. I LIKE THE POSSIBILITIES.
IT'S LIKE THE BAR NEVER CLOSES, AND THE DRINKS ARE ALWAYS FREE
YEAH, DON'T DO THAT.
AWW... BUT- BUT...

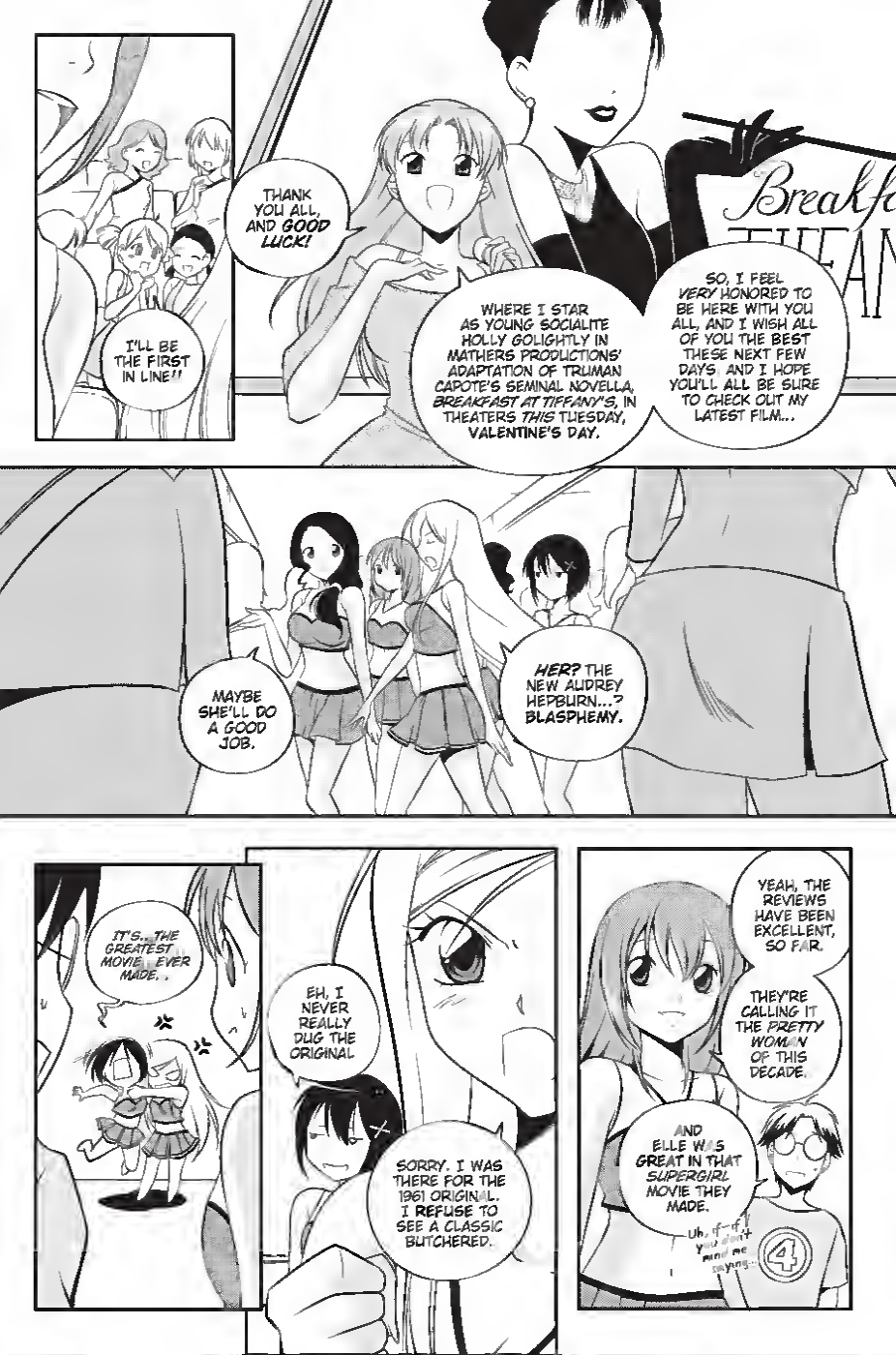
"WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF COMPETITIVE CHEER-LEADING!"
LORI, YOU'RE, LIKE, SUPER OLD, RIGHT? HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO VEGAS BEFORE?
IN A FORMER LIFE. IT'S ALWAYS CHANGING WITH THE TIMES, THOUGH. REINVENTING ITSELF. KIND OF LIKE US.
SO MUCH FOR SENDING THEM EARLY TO GET THEM OUT OF OUR HAIR...
AND THEY'RE QUOTING BRING IT ON.
OH GOD... THEY'VE ALREADY FOUND US.
SCARY.
THE BAKERTOWN 'B SQUAD'
'SUP, GIRLS?
JUANITA
DANIELLE
CHARLENE
KIM
SASHA


YEAH! WE'RE GONNA WIPE THE FLOOR WITH 'EM!
CAN YOU BELIEVE WE MADE IT TO NATIONALS?! WE'RE GONNA KICK SO MUCH POM-POM IT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY!
'B SQUAD.' HOW'S IT GOING?
NO, HE'S GOT IT. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, SWEETIE PIE?
DOES HE NEED ANY HELP WITH ALL THAT?
YEP! WE GOT HERE THIS MORNING, JUST LIKE YA ASKED.
OH GOD... GUYS, VEGAS IS SOOO AWESOME! THERE'S SO MUCH COOL STUFF TO DO!!
WOW, YOU GUYS SURE ARE CHIPPER!
YEAH SHE DID
HOLY CRAP! THEY HAVE THAT HERE?! IS IT THE MIAMI ONE?!
DID SHE REALLY JUST ASK THAT?
YEAH, WE JUST GOT BACK FROM CSI: THE EXPERIENCE.
UH, Y-YES.. I-I-I'M GOOD.


UM... HE AND MRS. HARTLEY ARE IN THE CASINO.
AND WHERE IS OUR DEAR "COACH" NOW?
SO, WE ALL SIGNED IN AND STUFF?
YEP! MR. HARTLEY GOT HERE BRIGHT AND EARLY THIS MORNING AND GOT IT ALL TAKEN CARE OF.
HERE'S YOUR WRISTBANDS AND PACKETS. ROOM KEYS, TOO!
AND ENOUGH FOR US TO GO OUT PARTYING LATER
Giggle
UM, NO, NO. THEY JUST WANNA MAKE SURE THEY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE NEW BABY ROOM.
YEAH, IT'S KINDA CREEPY.
Like Pod People
THEY'VE KINDA BEEN... FEEDING THE SAME SLOT MACHINES FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF HOURS
CO-CAPTAIN ZOE, I DO BELIEVE YOU GET THE HONOR OF HOLDING "MR. POINTY" NEXT.
I'VE GOT OUR TEAM SPIRIT STICK
OH, ALMOST FORGOT...

WELL. THREE AND A HALF MONTHS OF HARD WORK. IT PAID OFF.
WE ALL MADE IT HERE. WE'RE AT NATIONALS. YOU GUYS READY FOR THIS?!
UH.. N-NO, YOU... YOU HANG ONTO THAT FOR US.
YEAH, DON'T WANT TO, UM, DROP IT OR ANYTHING.
YOU SURE?
O-OKAY.
POSITIVE. VERY.
YEAAAH!!
BAKER-TOWN'S GOT SPIRIT!!!
HEY, WE DIDN'T WORK OUR SPANKY PANTS OFF JUST TO SLIP UP HERE! WE'RE GONNA STAY ON TOP!!
EEK!
WAH?!
BAKER-TOWN! BAKER-TOWN!
ARGH! EVERY BAT FOR THEMSELVES!!
UGH, WHY COULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN A "SPIRIT PADDLE," INSTEAD OF A "SPIRIT STAKE"?

CHEERLEADIN
CHAMPIONSH
YEEEAAAAHH!
TEAM SPIRIT. YEAH, WE GOT IT!
IT'S THAT TOGETHER.. WE CHEERLEADERS CAN DO ATHLETIC FEATS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO DO ALONE!
IT'S NOT JUST THE CUTE GIRLS (AND GUYS!), AMAZING TUMBLING, AND SIZZLING DANCING THAT MAKES PEOPLE STOP AND TAKE NOTICE.
NOW, EVERYBODY, GIVE IT UP FOR THIS YEAR'S GUEST JUDGE!
THE AMAZING, THE GORGEOUS, THE INCOMPARABLE...
ELLE MATHERS!!!
THANK YOU, JANET. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW GREAT IT IS TO BE HERE THIS WEEKEND.
AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, CHEERLEADING HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART. FROM THE ONSET OF PUBERTY, I HAD MY VERY OWN PAIR OF ORANGE AND BLACK POM-POMS.
DHS, DAVISON HIGH SCHOOL. GO, DUKES!
WOO. HOO.
I LOVE YOU, ELLE!!!


I'LL BE THE FIRST IN LINE!!
THANK YOU ALL, AND GOOD LUCK!
SO, I FEEL VERY HONORED TO BE HERE WITH YOU ALL, AND I WISH ALL OF YOU THE BEST THESE NEXT FEW DAYS. AND I HOPE YOU'LL ALL BE SURE TO CHECK OUT MY LATEST FILM...
WHERE I STAR AS YOUNG SOCIALITE HOLLY GOLIGHTLY IN MATHERS PRODUCTIONS' ADAPTATION OF TRUMAN CAPOTE'S SEMINAL NOVELLA, BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S, IN THEATERS THIS TUESDAY, VALENTINE'S DAY.
MAYBE SHE'LL DO A GOOD JOB.
HER? THE NEW AUDREY HEPBURN...? BLASPHEMY.
IT'S... THE GREATEST MOVIE... EVER MADE...
EH, I NEVER REALLY DUG THE ORIGINAL
SORRY. I WAS THERE FOR THE 1961 ORIGINAL. I REFUSE TO SEE A CLASSIC BUTCHERED.
YEAH, THE REVIEWS HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT, SO FAR.
THEY'RE CALLING IT THE PRETTY WOMAN OF THIS DECADE.
AND ELLE WAS GREAT IN THAT SUPERGIRL MOVIE THEY MADE.
Uh, if you don't mind me saying...
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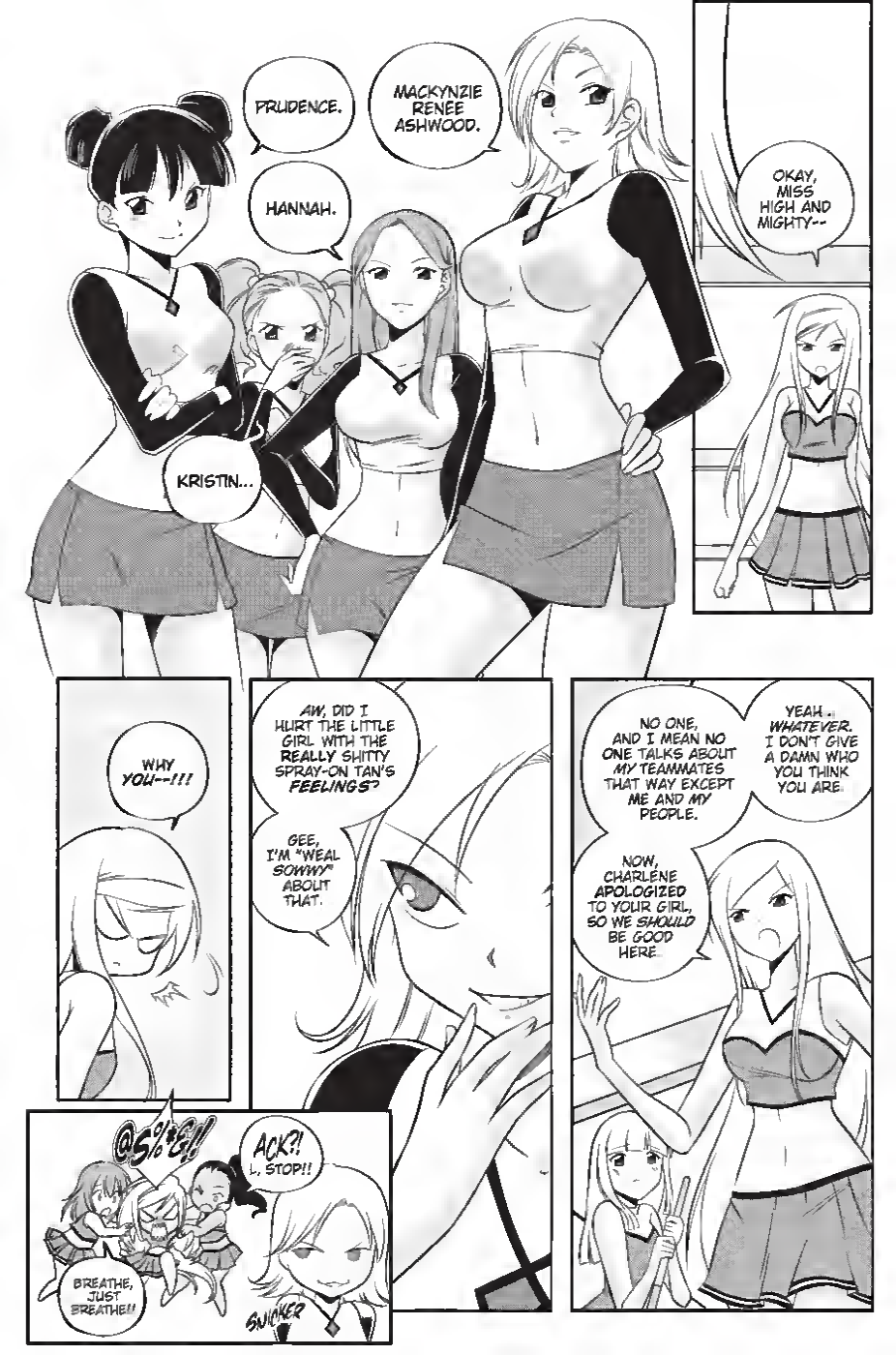
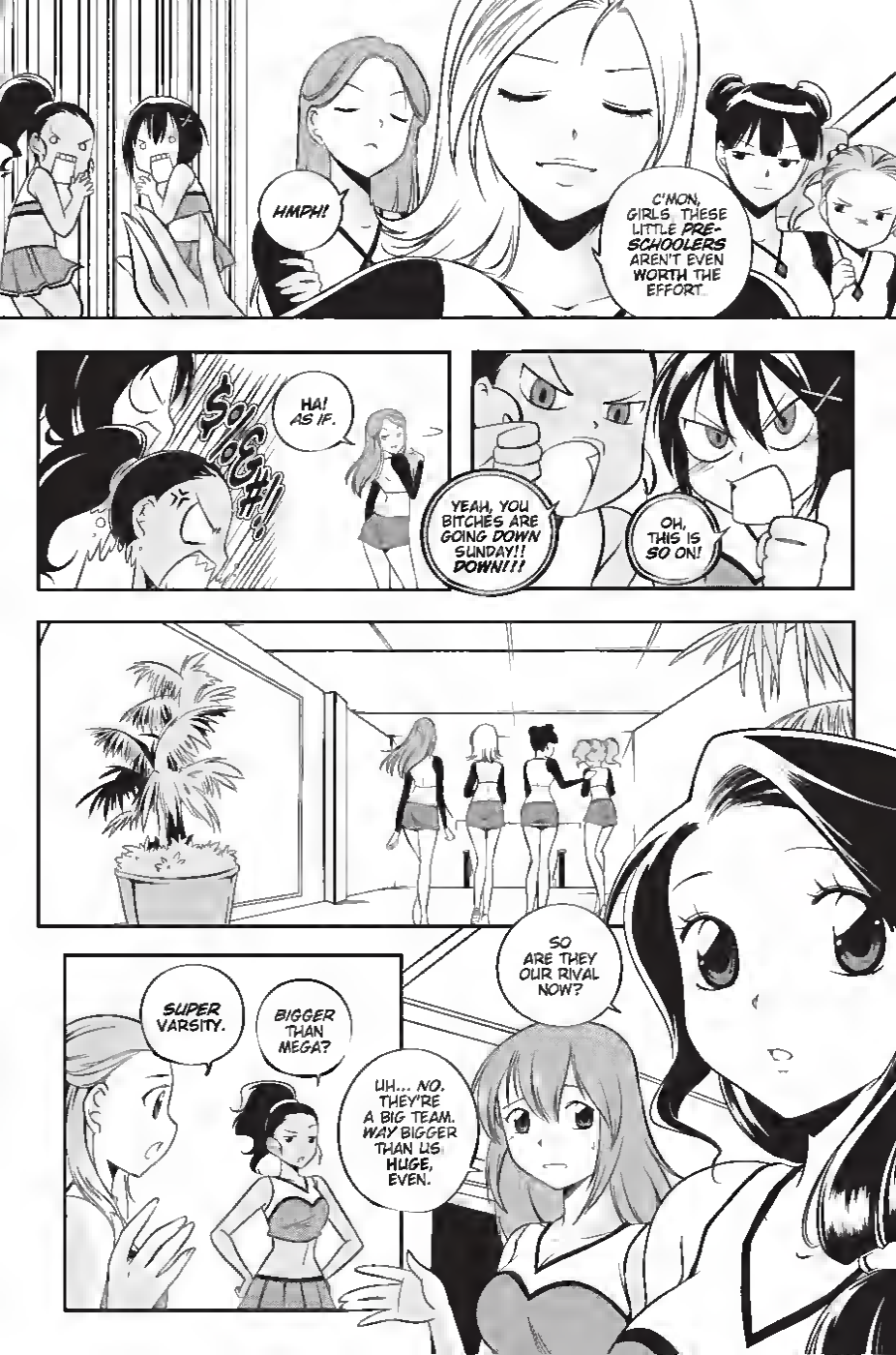
I CAN'T WAIT FOR TOMORROW!
WHAP
I KNOW!
OH, THAT OPENING CEREMONY WAS SOOO AWESOME!
OH--! OH MY GOSH!
I- I AM SO SORRY!
CHARLENE DIDN'T MEAN IT!
HEY, IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT, HONEST!
YEAH!
IF YOU RUINED MY NOSE JOB, MY DADDY IS GOING TO SUE YOU OUT OF EXISTENCE!
DON'T THEY HAVE LEASH LAWS IN THIS CITY?
WELL, YOU LITTLE PRESCHOOLERS NEED TO SHOVE SOME RITALIN DOWN YOUR SPASTIC SISTER'S LITTLE THROAT OR SOMETHING.
HEY! THAT'S NOT NICE.

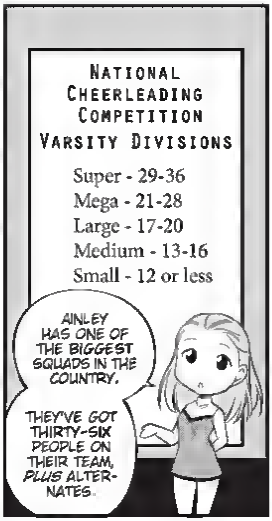

PRUDENCE.
MACKYNZIE RENEE ASHWOOD.
HANNAH.
KRISTIN...
OKAY, MISS HIGH AND MIGHTY--
WHY YOU--!!!
AW, DID I HURT THE LITTLE GIRL WITH THE REALLY SHITTY SPRAY-ON TAN'S FEELINGS?
GEE, I'M "WEAL SORRY" ABOUT THAT.
NO ONE, AND I MEAN NO ONE TALKS ABOUT MY TEAMMATES THAT WAY EXCEPT ME AND MY PEOPLE.
YEAH. WHATEVER. I DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHO YOU THINK YOU ARE.
NOW, CHARLENE APOLOGIZED TO YOUR GIRL, SO WE SHOULD BE GOOD HERE.
@S%*&E!!
ACK?!
↳, STOP!!
BREATHE, JUST BREATHE!!
SNIVER

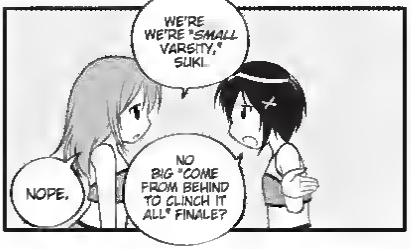
AAAH! AAAH!!
GERMS! GERMS!!
I NEED WET NAPS! GET ME WET NAPS!! CALL THE CDC!!!
?!
OH, THAT'S NOTHING A LITTLE CONCEALER WON'T HIDE.
HOLD STILL.
PAFF PAFF
EW, I DUNNO...
IS IT OKAY...? CAN...CAN I KEEP MY NOSE?
TWICE.
AND WE'VE BEEN ON THE COVER OF AMERICAN CHEERLEADER.
THEY'VE CLINCHED NATIONALS FOUR YEARS IN A ROW--!!
HOLY CRAP.. I KNOW WHO THEY ARE! THEY'RE AINLEY GIRLS' ACADEMY!!

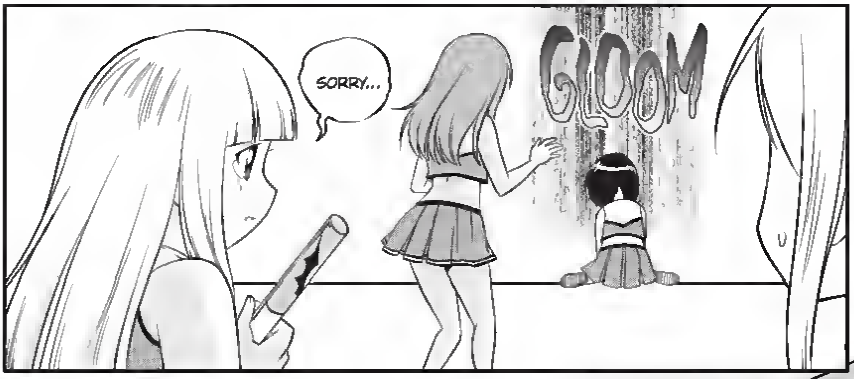

HMPH!
C'MON, GIRLS. THESE LITTLE PRE-SCHOOLERS AREN'T EVEN WORTH THE EFFORT.
SLAP!
HA! AS IF.
YEAH, YOU BITCHES ARE GOING DOWN SUNDAY!! DOWN!!!
OH, THIS IS SO ON!
SO ARE THEY OUR RIVAL NOW?
UH... NO. THEY'RE A BIG TEAM. WAY BIGGER THAN US. HUGE, EVEN.
BIGGER THAN MEGA?
SUPER VARSITY.

SO, WE'RE NOT GOING UP AGAINST THEM THEN?
UH, THAT WOULD BE A NO.

36 MEMBERS?!
#$%!!!


NATIONAL CHEERLEADING COMPETITION
VARSITY DIVISIONS
Super - 29-36
Mega - 21-28
Large - 17-20
Medium - 13-16
Small - 12 or less
AINLEY HAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST SQUADS IN THE COUNTRY.
THEY'VE GOT THIRTY-SIX PEOPLE ON THEIR TEAM, PLUS ALTERNATES.


WE'RE WE'RE "SMALL VARSITY," SUKI.
NOPE.
NO BIG "COME FROM BEHIND TO CLINCH IT ALL" FINALE?


SORRY...
GLOOM

UH, NO. WE'RE- WE'RE GOOD. WE'RE JUST GONNA... HEAD OUT.
YOU GUYS WANT IN? HEATHER?
There there
YEAH, ME TOO

WE'RE GONNA KICK BACK 'B SQUAD'-STYLE WITH SOME ROCKY ROAD AND A TWILIGHT MARATHON...
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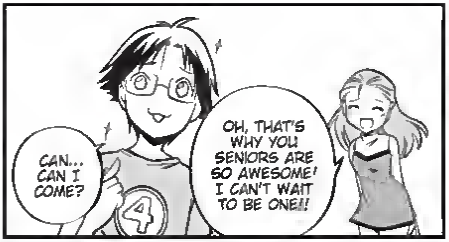
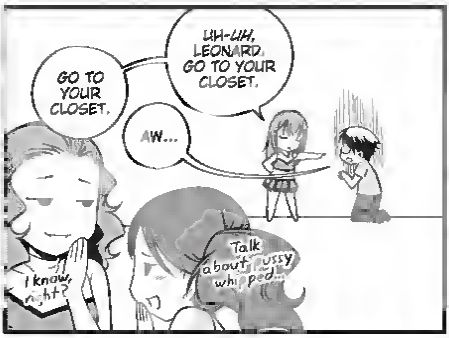
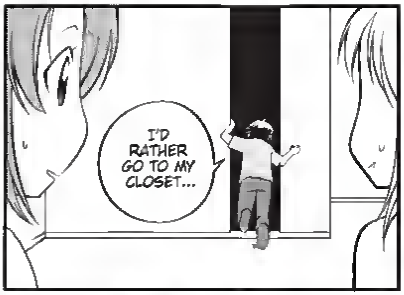
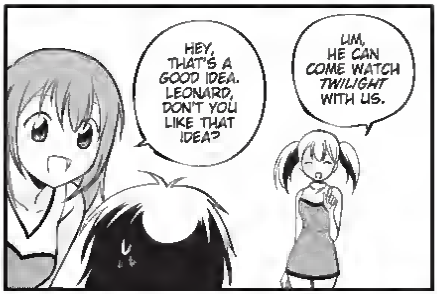
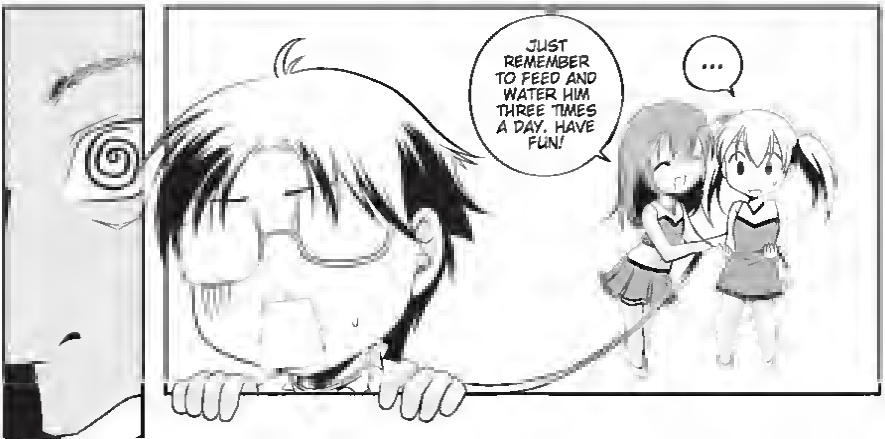

CAN... CAN I COME?
OH, THAT'S WHY YOU SENIORS ARE SO AWESOME! I CAN'T WAIT TO BE ONE!!

BUT IT'S GETTING CLOSE TO CURFEW, ISN'T IT?
SO? WE'RE CREATURES OF THE NIGHT. WE'LL FIND A WAY OUT.


GO TO YOUR CLOSET.
UH-UH, LEONARD. GO TO YOUR CLOSET.
AW...
I know, right?
Talk about pussy whipped...

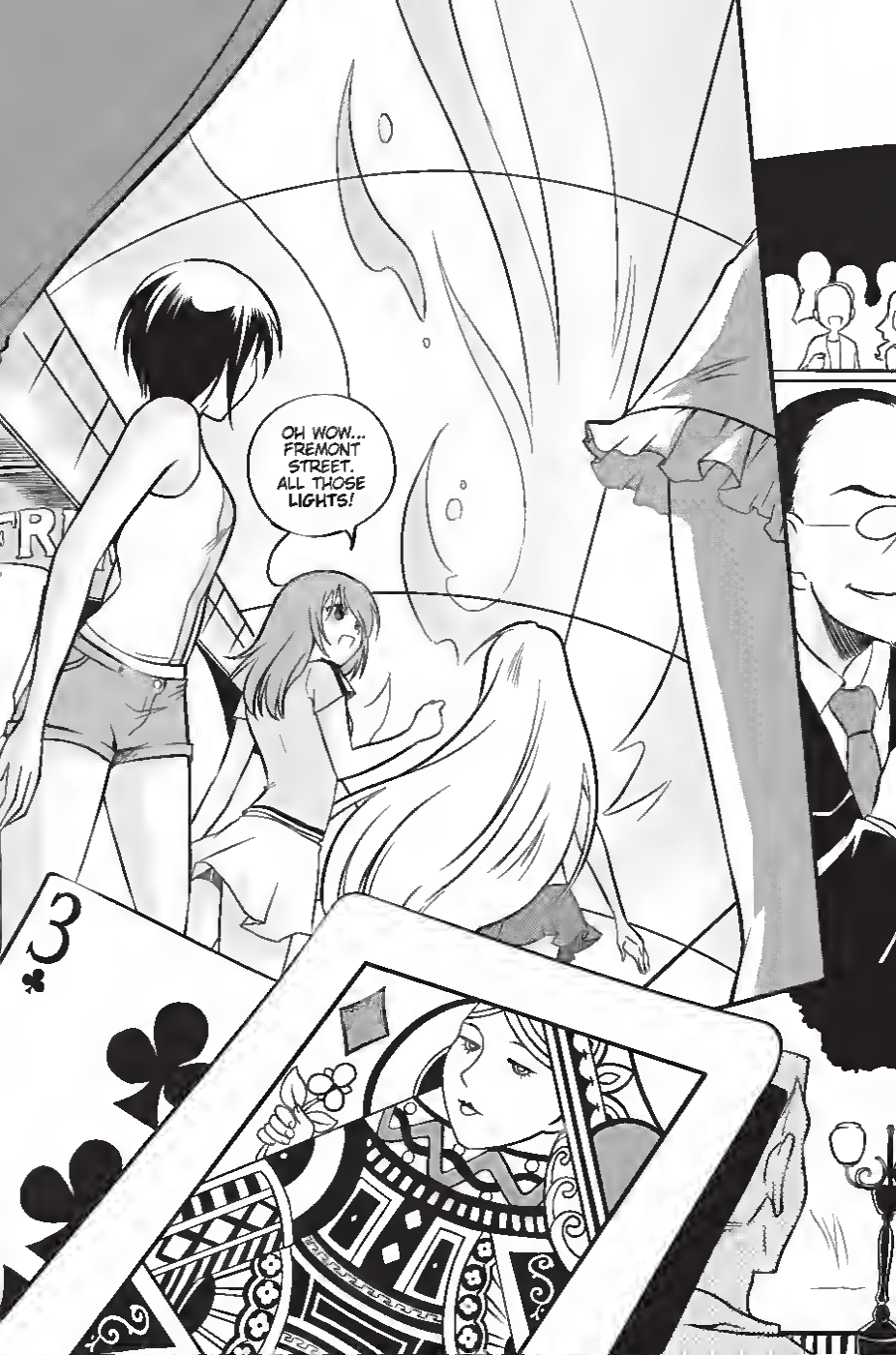

I'D RATHER GO TO MY CLOSET...

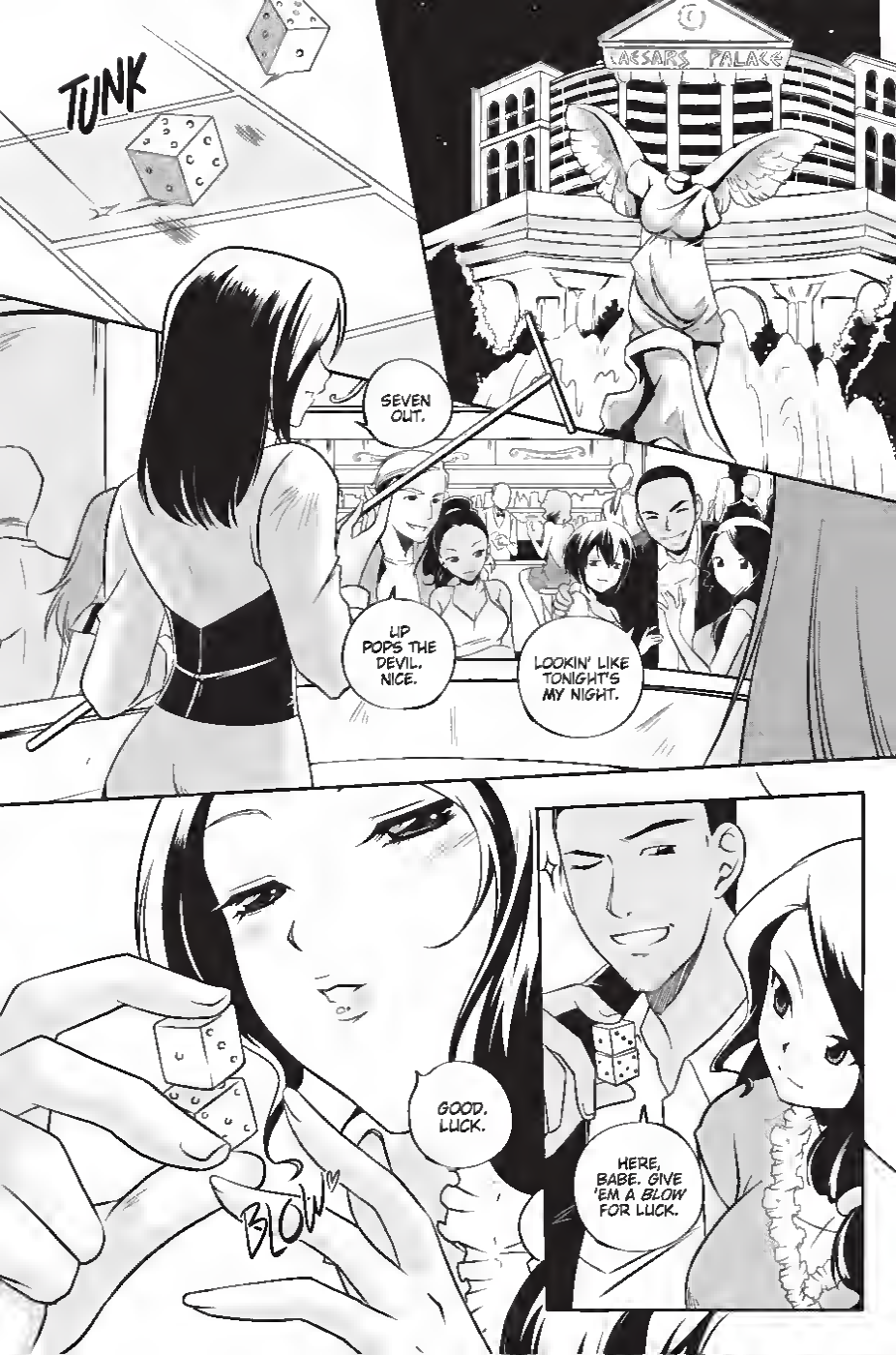

HEY, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. LEONARD, DON'T YOU LIKE THAT IDEA?
UM, HE CAN COME WATCH *TWILIGHT* WITH US.

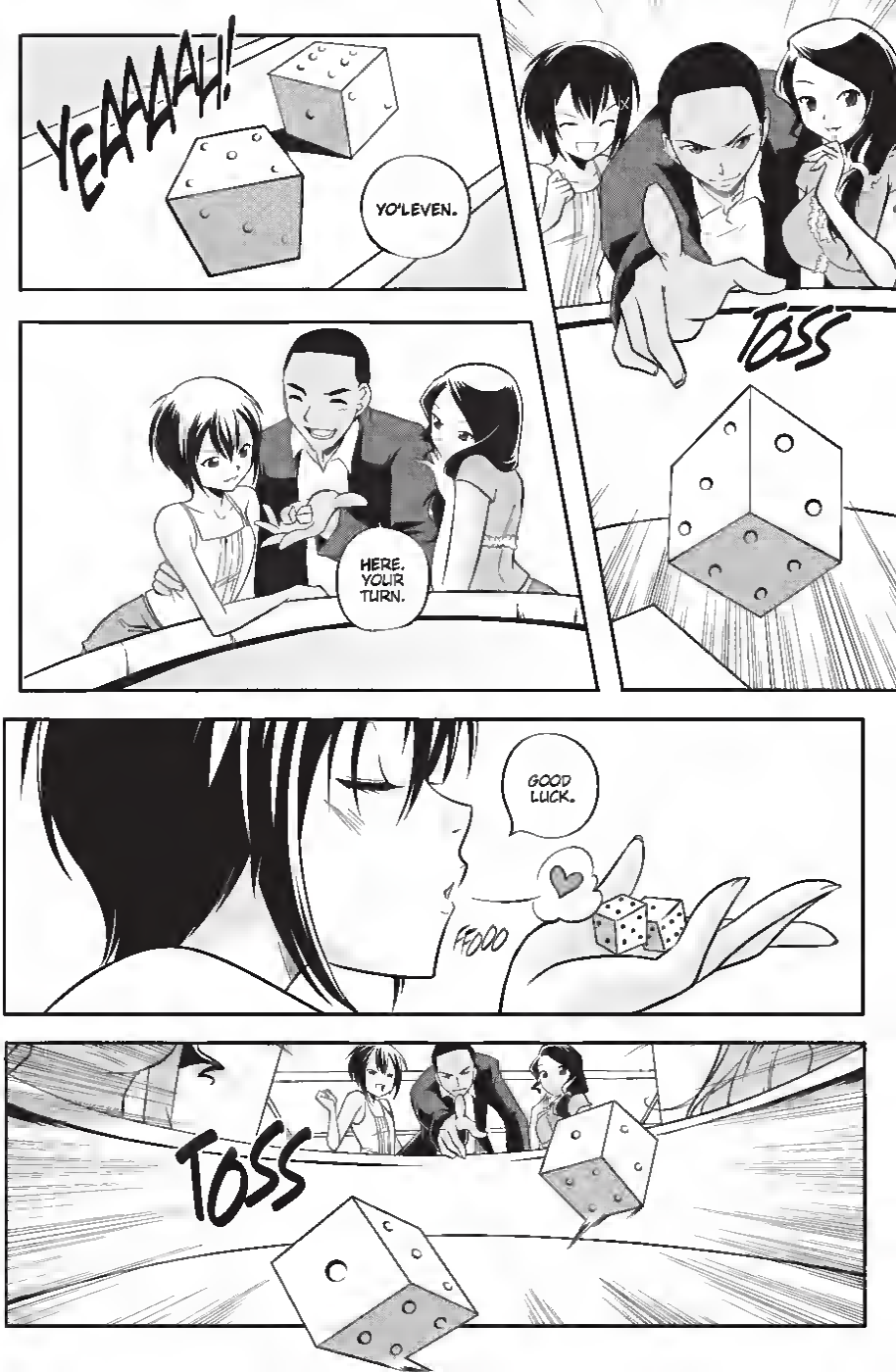

JUST REMEMBER TO FEED AND WATER HIM THREE TIMES A DAY. HAVE FUN!
...

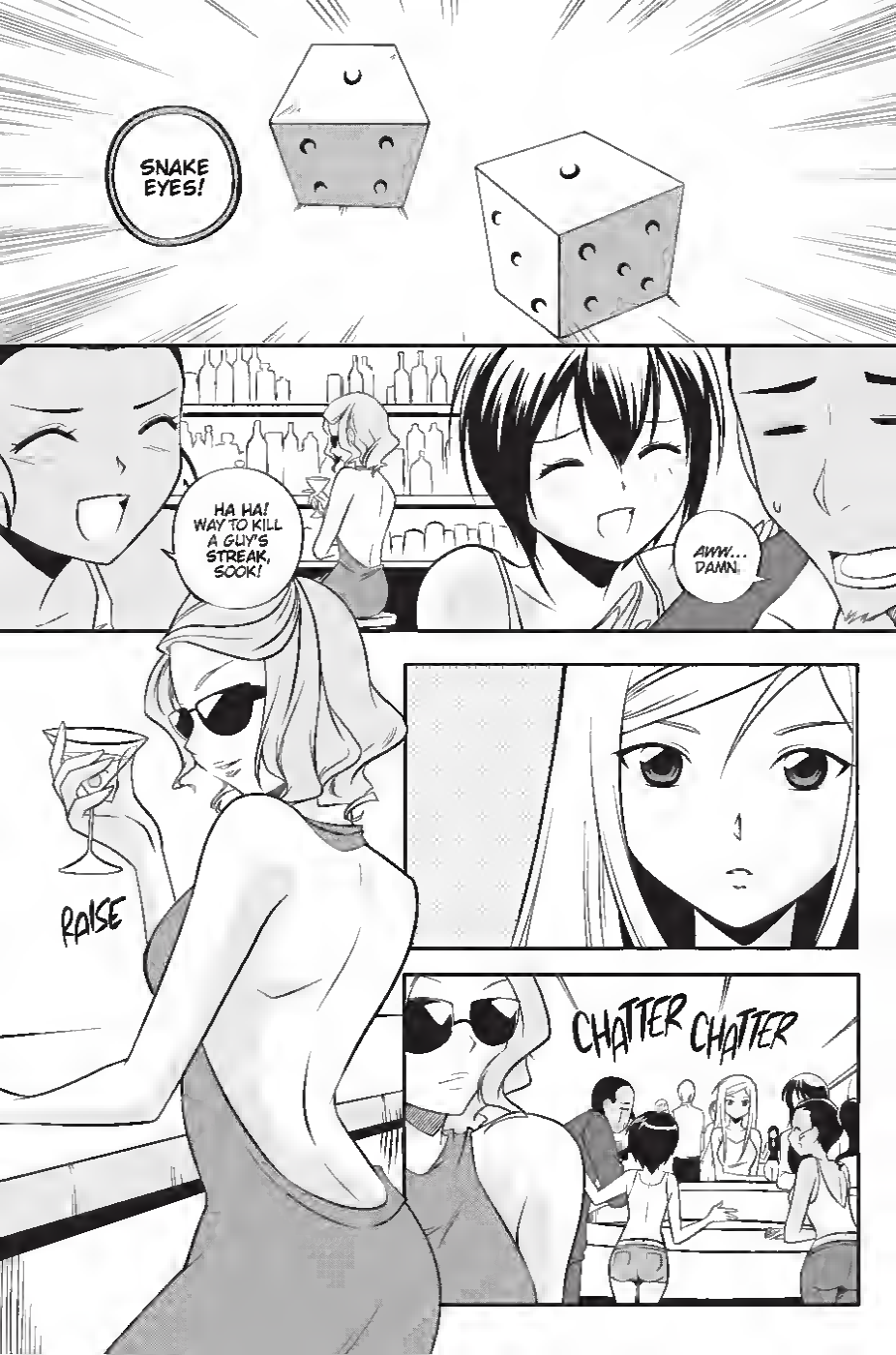
THE MIRAGE
COUNTDOWN
16 DAYS TO GO
BLAZIN' MAR...
SERIOUSLY THOUGH, GUYS, WHO CARES ABOUT THOSE AINLEY BITCHES?
YEAH, THEY'RE A BUNCH OF RICH LITTLE MORTALS.
EXACTLY. FAT AND PREGNANT IN FIVE YEARS. MARK MY WORDS.
SO, COME ON...WE'RE IN VEGAS, LET'S LIVE IT UP!!
YEAAAAA!!!
ENJOY YOUR NIGHT ON THE TOWN...
THANKS! WE WILL!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE CHARLENE ACTUALLY BEANED THAT AINLEY GIRL IN THE FACE.
IT WAS PRETTY PRICELESS.
Yeah Hee hee
HATED HAVING TO TURN DOWN TAKING THE SPIRIT STICK, THOUGH.
BUT, I MEAN, NO WAY! IT'S MADE OF WOOD. THAT'S JUST ASKING FOR TROUBLE.
SO TRUE.
MOVIIING RIGHT ALONG.
WHAT? YOU SAID, "SPIRIT DICK," RIGHT? RIGHT? GUYS...?
HEY, WAIT FOR ME!!
I'VE GOT A SILICONE ONE BACK IN MY ROOM.
JUST WASH IT OFF WHEN YOU'RE DONE.

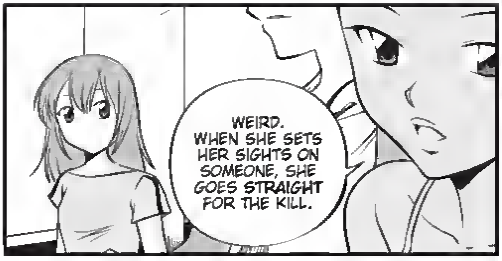
THE LORD OF THE RING
WINNER
JACKPOT!!!
7 7 7
Come on, pick a card
18 29 7
SPLOOSH


OH WOW... FREMONT STREET. ALL THOSE LIGHTS!

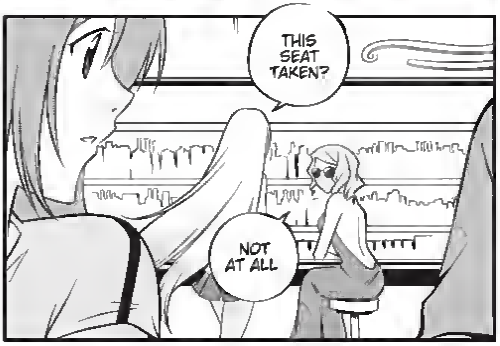

TUNK
CAESARS PALACE
SEVEN OUT.
LIP POPS THE DEVIL, NICE.
LOOKIN' LIKE TONIGHT'S MY NIGHT.
GOOD. LUCK.
BLOW
HERE, BABE. GIVE 'EM A *BLOW* FOR LUCK.


YEAAAAH!
YO'LEVEN.
TOSS
HERE. YOUR TURN.
GOOD LUCK.
FFOOO
TOSS

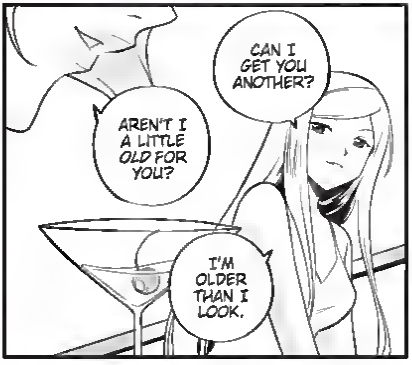

SNAKE EYES!
HA HA! WAY TO KILL A GUY'S STREAK, SOOK!
AWW... DAMN.
RAISE
CHATTER CHATTER

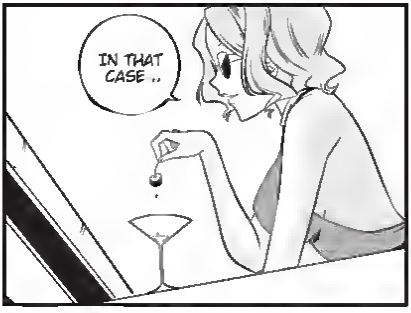

WEIRD. WHEN SHE SETS HER SIGHTS ON SOMEONE, SHE GOES STRAIGHT FOR THE KILL.

GUYS, I'LL... I'LL SEE YOU BACK AT THE COMPETITION. STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.
HUH? WHERE ARE YOU...?


THIS SEAT TAKEN?
NOT AT ALL

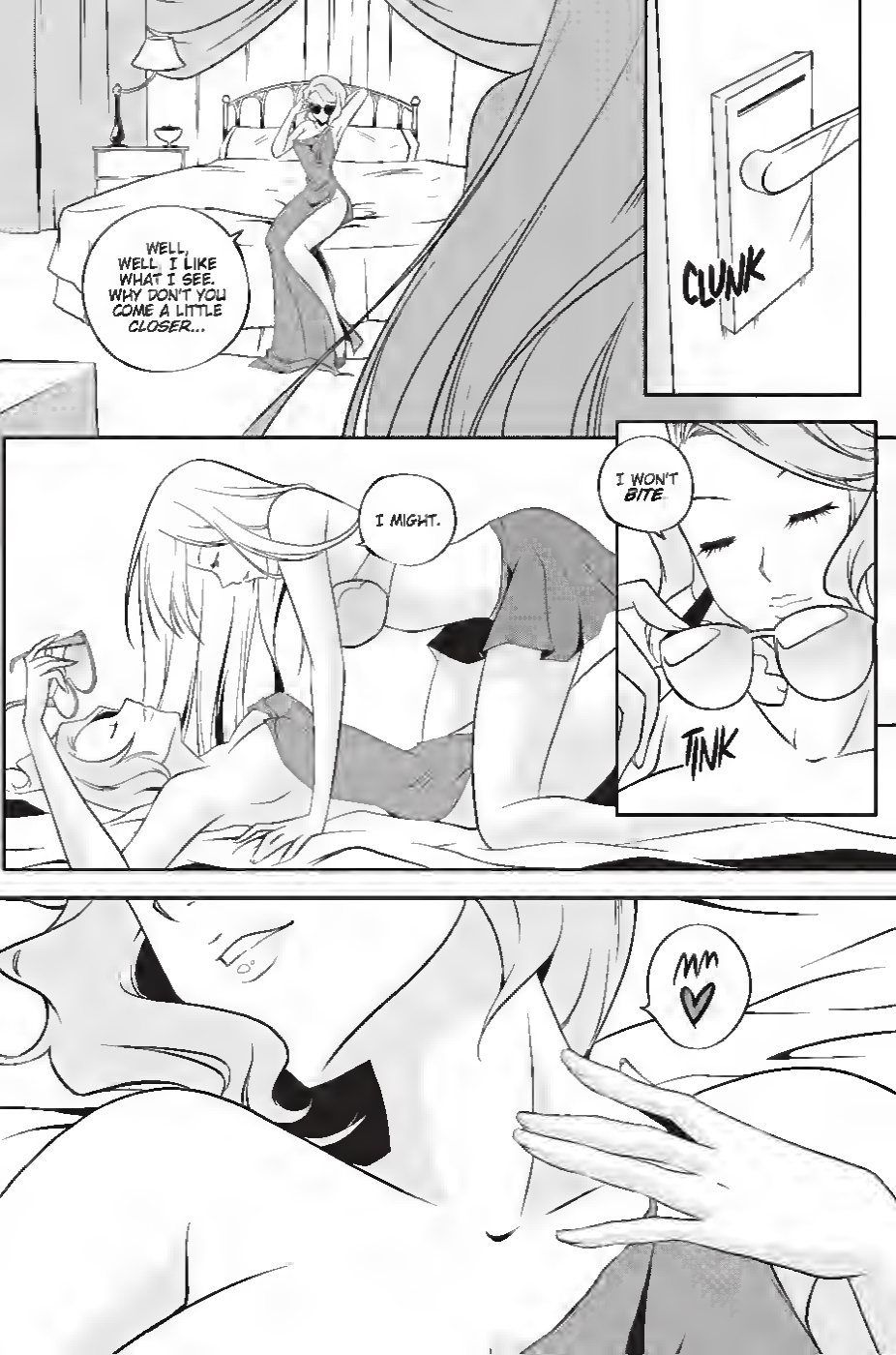
PICK

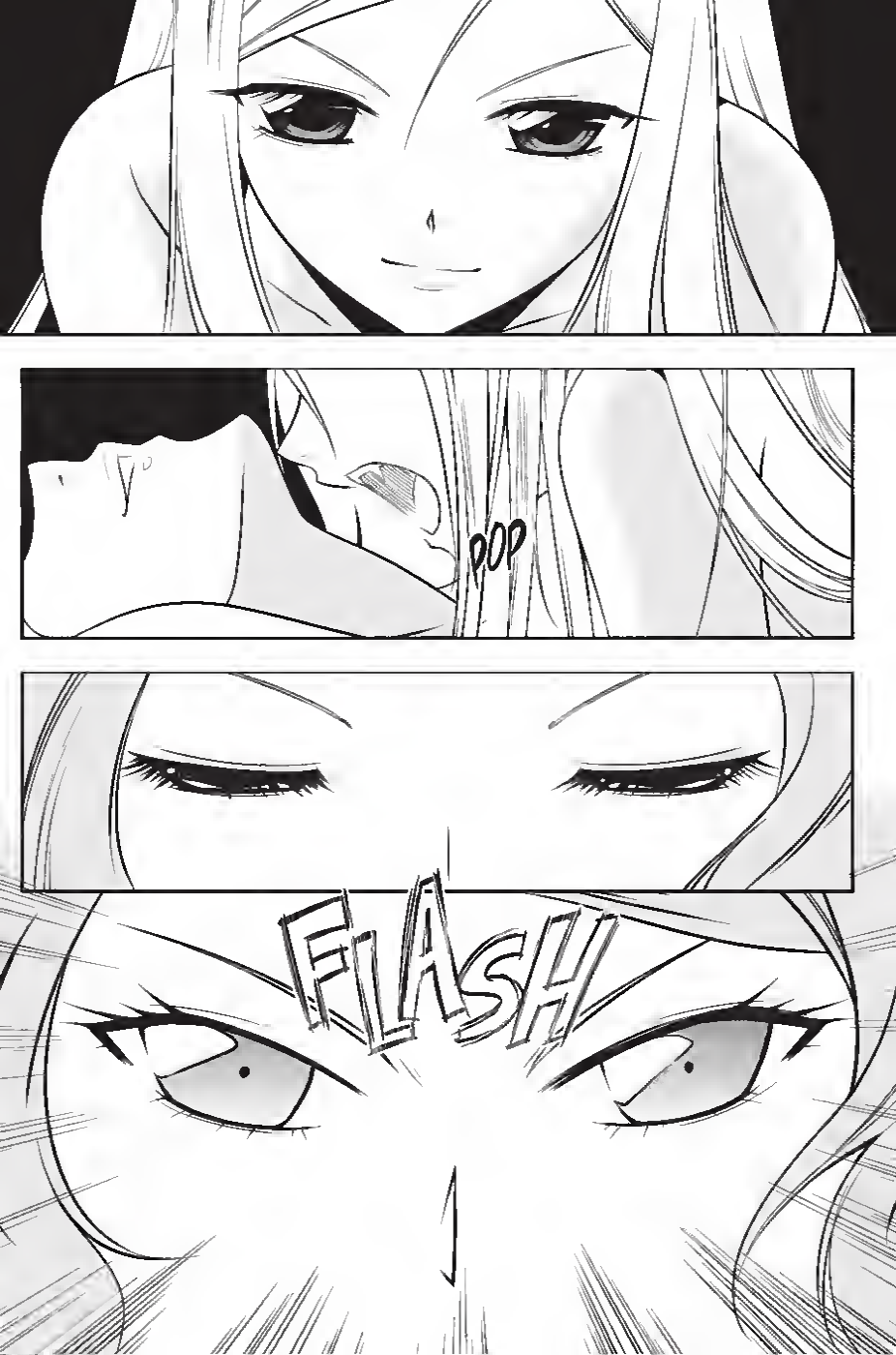

CAN I GET YOU ANOTHER?
AREN'T I A LITTLE OLD FOR YOU?
I'M OLDER THAN I LOOK.


IN THAT CASE ..

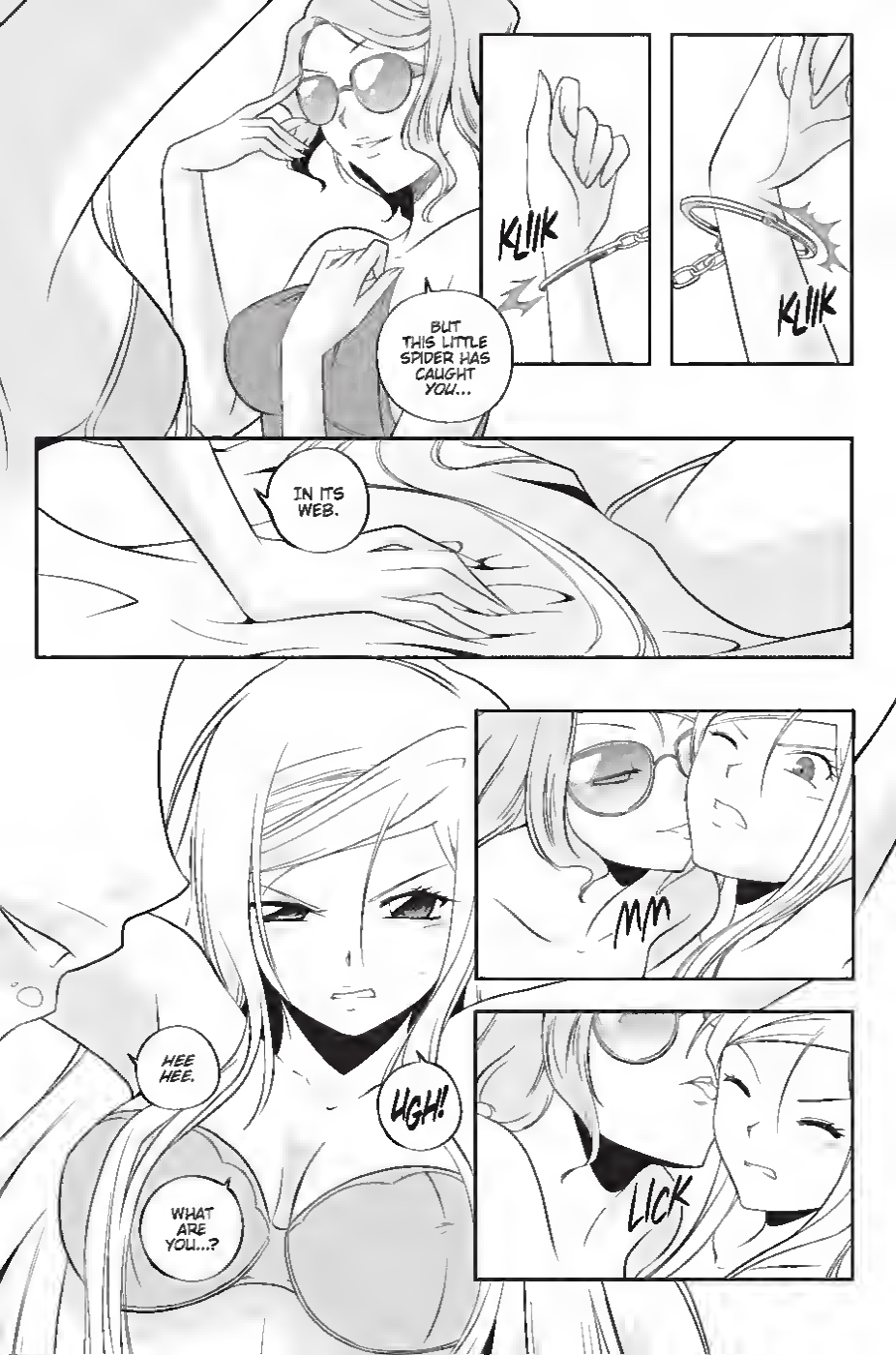
I'M SURE YOU HAD *ANOTHER* KIND OF CHERRY IN MIND. THE NAME'S BIANCA. BIANCA HARROW.

Mm


WELL, WELL. I LIKE WHAT I SEE. WHY DON'T YOU COME A LITTLE CLOSER...
CLUNK
I MIGHT.
I WON'T BITE.
TINK
mm

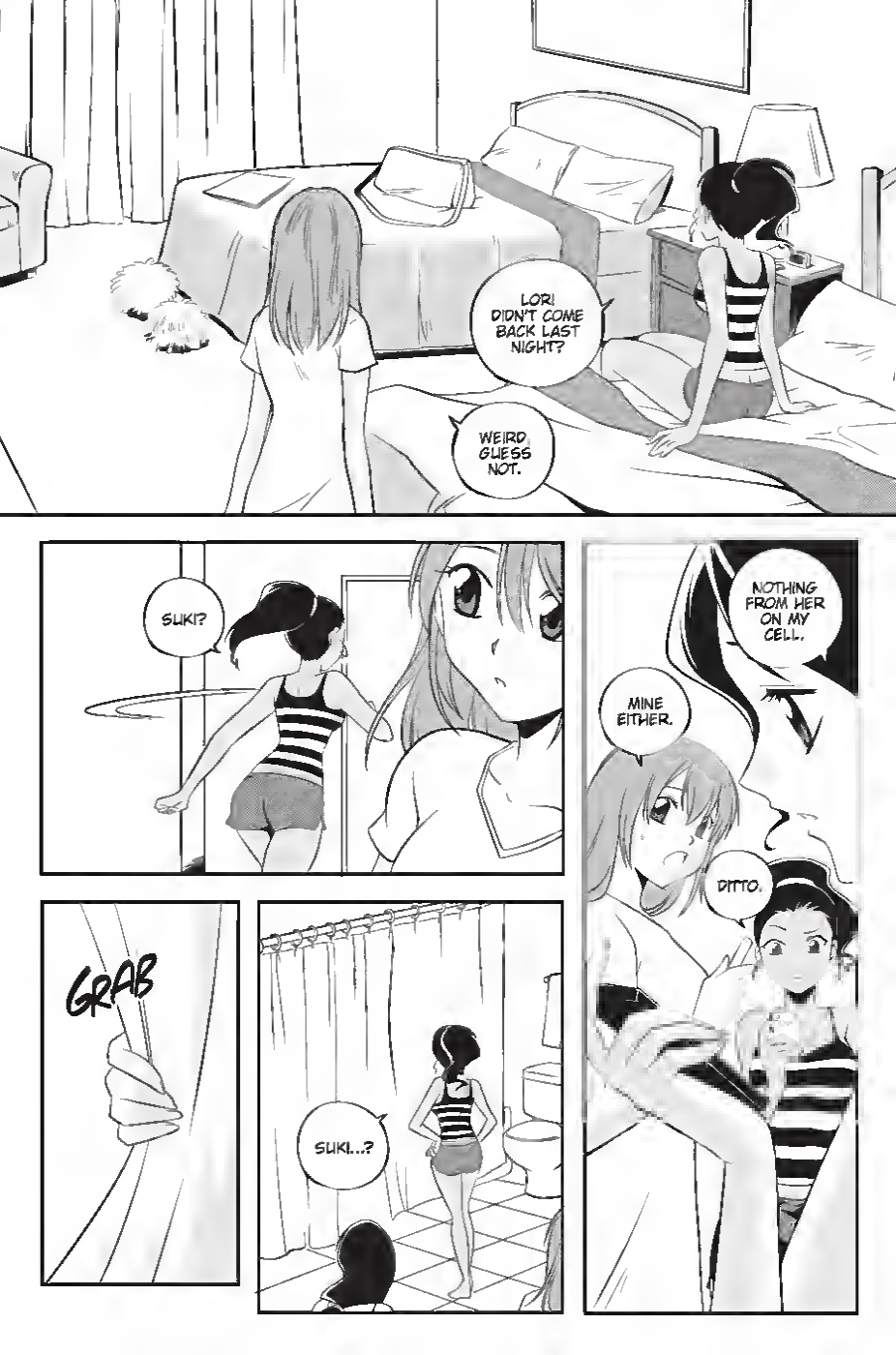

POP
FLASH

AHH!
OH, YOU SILLY LITTLE VAMP.
AH HA HA HA!
YOU THOUGHT I WAS AN *EASY* TARGET.


KLIIK
KLIIK
BUT THIS LITTLE SPIDER HAS CAUGHT YOU...
IN ITS WEB.
MM
UGH!
HEE HEE.
WHAT ARE YOU...?
LICK

OH, DARLING, HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED IT OUT YET?
THE SUNGLASSES... THE PARALYSIS... I'M A GORGON, DARLING.
AND YOU, MY LITTLE HOMINUS NOCTURNA... ARE GOING TO BE A TASTY LITTLE TREAT.

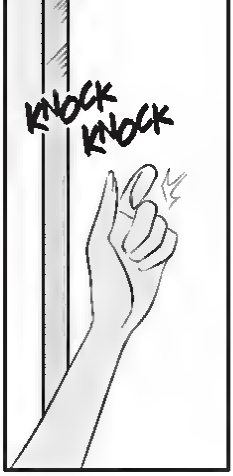
6:30
BRRZZ
BRRZZ
BRRZZ
CLICK
6:3
UNN...
MORNIN'.
6:3
MORNIN'...
YAWN!
HM?

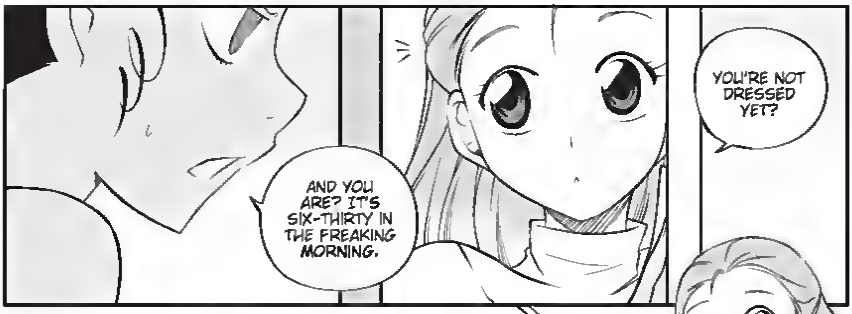

LORI DIDN'T COME BACK LAST NIGHT?
WEIRD. GUESS NOT.
SUKI?
NOTHING FROM HER ON MY CELL.
MINE EITHER.
DITTO.
GRAB
SUKI...?

SUKI!!!
I'M UP! I'M UP!
WAAAH!
SORUKI
SUKI...
OH GOD.

LORI DIDN'T COME BACK LAST NIGHT.
WE WERE HOPING SHE MIGHT'VE CALLED YOU.
WAP
YEAH. GOOD MORNING, SLEEPING BEAUTY.
WE NEED YOU TO CHECK YOUR PHONE.
UH, NOOO!
Guy did have a nice package though
WHY? SENT ME ANOTHER PICTURE GLOATING ABOUT HOW YOU BAGGED YOURSELF "DIRK DIGGLER" LAST NIGHT?
HMM...
YES? ANYTHING?
OH. SORRY. GOT SIDETRACKED. HAD TO UPDATE MY FACEBOOK STATUS.
"ZOE IS A TWAT."
YOU ARE A LOT OF HELP, YOU KNOW THAT?!
WHAT? IT'S MORNING. MAYBE LORI'S JUST ACROSS THE HALL WITH THE 'B SQUAD.'
AND WHY WOULD SHE BE THERE?
I DUNNO. MAYBE SHE GOT HUNGRY.
RIIIGHT.

HEY, IF LORI'S NOT HERE, DOES THIS MEAN I'M CAPTAIN?
SHUT UP!


KNOCK KNOCK


YOU'RE NOT DRESSED YET?
AND YOU ARE? IT'S SIX-THIRTY IN THE FREAKING MORNING.

DAMN.
SHIT.
UH OH.
THAT EARLY? VAMPIRES AREN'T MORNING PEOPLE...

YEAH, AND WE COMPETE IN THE FIRST ROUND AT TEN-THIRTY
YUKK

2680
...
CLUNK
WHAT DO YOU GUYS WANT?
UM . LORI'S NOT IN THERE WITH YOU, IS SHE?
SERIOUSLY, GUYS .. LORI'S MISSING? YEAH, RIGHT. GO GET READY.
OH, HEATHER...
HERE'S YOUR BOYFRIEND BACK.
TEAM JOOB
LONG NIGHT?
MAYBE I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU THAT.

OH, YEAH. THAT WOULD'VE BEEN MORE BELIEVABLE.
YOU THINK THEY WOULD'VE BELIEVED US IF WE'D SAID WE HAD A TIGER IN OUR BATHROOM?
THIS IS THE MGM GRAND. THEY HAVE LIONS HERE.
SAYS WHO? I AM "CO-CAPTAIN" AFTER ALL. LORI EVEN SAID SO!
YEAH, IN NAME ONLY.
UH, YEEEAH. THAT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN.
SO, ABOUT THAT WHOLE CAPTAIN DEAL.. I'M IT, RIGHT?
THE PART THAT YOU'RE A FAKE CO-CAPTAIN WITH JUST A TITLE AND NONE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES. FACE IT, SOOK, YOU COULDN'T EVEN LEAD A PACK OF LEMMINGS OFF A CLIFF.
WHY YOU--! GRRR!!
NUH-UH! MY NAME TAG EVEN SAYS SO!
BAKERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
SUKI TAFT
CO-CAPTAIN
THE WHAT?
THEY PROBABLY JUST DIDN'T HAVE ROOM TO PUT THE CAVEAT.

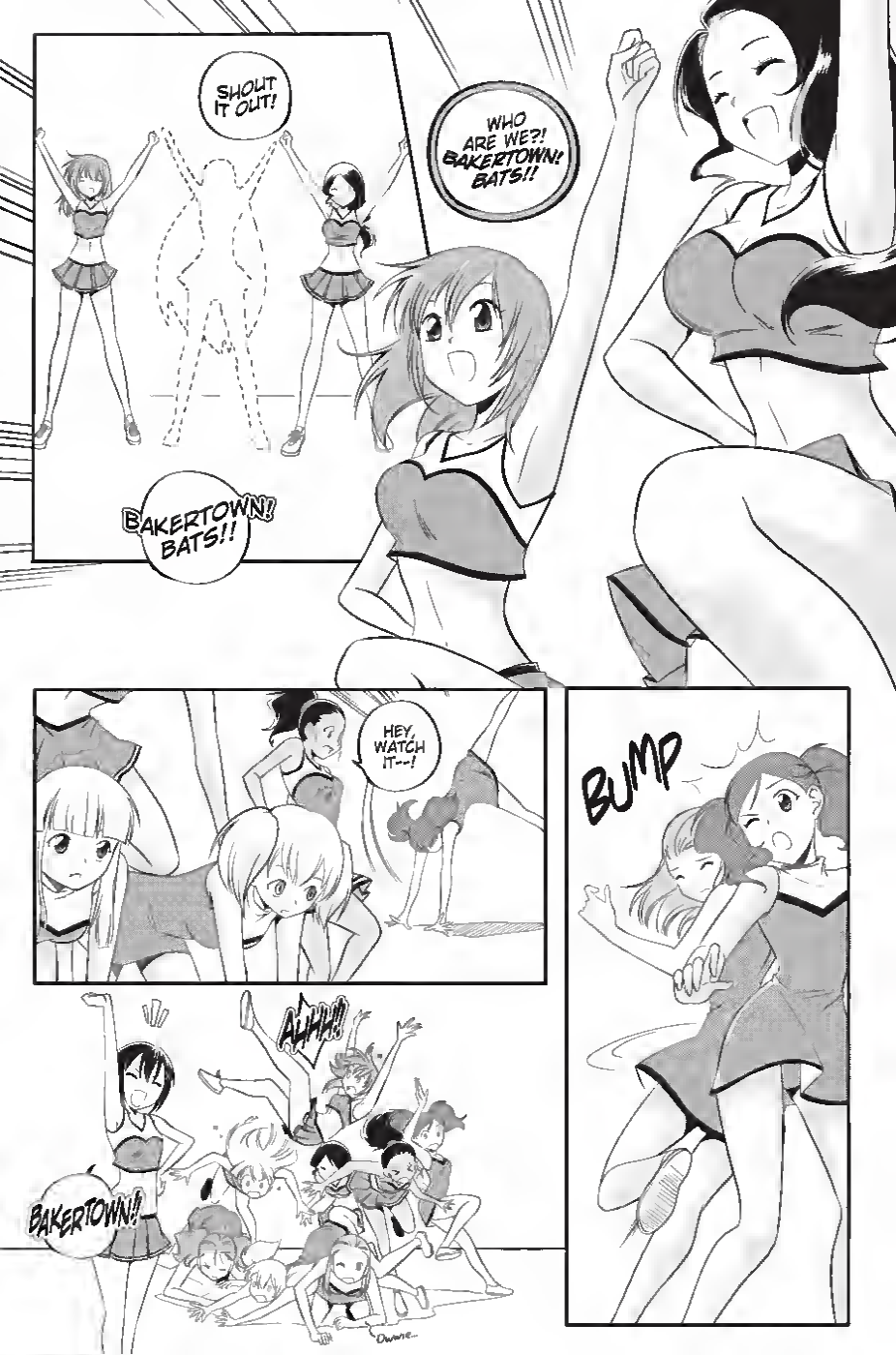
SHOULD WE STOP THEM?
YEAH, PROBABLY BEST.
ARE EITHER OF THEM ACTUALLY "CO-CAPTAIN"?
$%*#$!!
ZOE KIIINDA IS. BUT LORI JUST WENT AHEAD AND MADE 'EM BOTH CO-CAPTAIN JUST TO KEEP THEM FROM WANTING TO KILL EACH OTHER ALL THE TIME.
Didn't really help all that much.
E@%#@!!
UH, ZOE .. SUKI... YOU'RE KINDA CAUSING A SCENE HERE.
YEAH, GUYS... GUYS, DON'T FIGHT--! YOU CAN BOTH BE IN CHARGE!
UH... Y-YEAH.
I think so.
WE CAN?!
THEY CAN?

PRET-TY MUCH.
THIS IS GOING TO BE ABSOLUTE TORTURE.
BEST TO JUST GET IT OVER WITH.

WHA? ME?! WHY DON'T YOU DO IT?!
SUKI, YOU WANT TO FIELD THIS ONE?
YEAH... ABOUT THAT...
UH, N-NO. YOU CAN DO IT.
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO BE CAPTAIN
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE HAVE AT IT!
LOOKS THAT WAY
GUESS WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO STEP IN
ABOUT TIME YOU GUYS SHOWED UP. WE'RE ON IN FIFTEEN MINUTES.
HUH? WHERE'S LORI?
GUYS... BAD NEWS...
WHAAAAT?!!

BAKERTOWN, WARM-UP MAT'S ALL YOURS..
CRAP! OKAY, UH... LET'S JUST RUN THROUGH OUR ROUTINE.
WE CAN'T DO OUR ROUTINE WITH ONLY NINE PEOPLE!
YEAH, WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU GUYS TRYING TO PULL?!
OH, YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME
OH MY GOD. OH MY GOD...
YEP, LEAVE 'EM OUT!
JUST LEAVE 'EM OUT?
AND LORI'S PARTS?
UH, THE ROUTINE KINDA DEPENDS ON HER PARTS.
SASHA'S RIGHT. WE DO KINDA HAFTA HAVE LORI'S PYRAMIDS AND STUFF IN THERE.
YOU ARE NOT HELPING.
OKAAAY, DON'T LEAVE 'EM OUT!

UM...
AT CHEERLEADER CAMP, THEY TAUGHT US THAT IF YOU HAD A MISSING OR INJURED PERSON TO JUST...
PROCEED WITH THE STUNT AS YOU WOULD.
JUST *FAKE* YOUR MOTIONS TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY. YOU KNOW, SHOW THE JUDGES YOU CAN KEEP YOUR HEAD UP EVEN WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH.
EVERYONE GOT THAT? FLYERS, BASES...
JUST FAKE EVERYTHING TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY!
YEP! WHAT SHE JUST SAID!
ARE YOU JUST GONNA *MIMIC ME* THE WHOLE TIME, CO-CAPTAIN?
MAYBE?
WHATEVER.
LET'S JUST RUN THROUGH THIS REAL QUICK.


SHOUT IT OUT!
WHO ARE WE?! BAKERTOWN! BATS!!
BAKERTOWN! BATS!!
HEY, WATCH IT--!
BUMP
AHHH!
BAKERTOWN!
Dwane

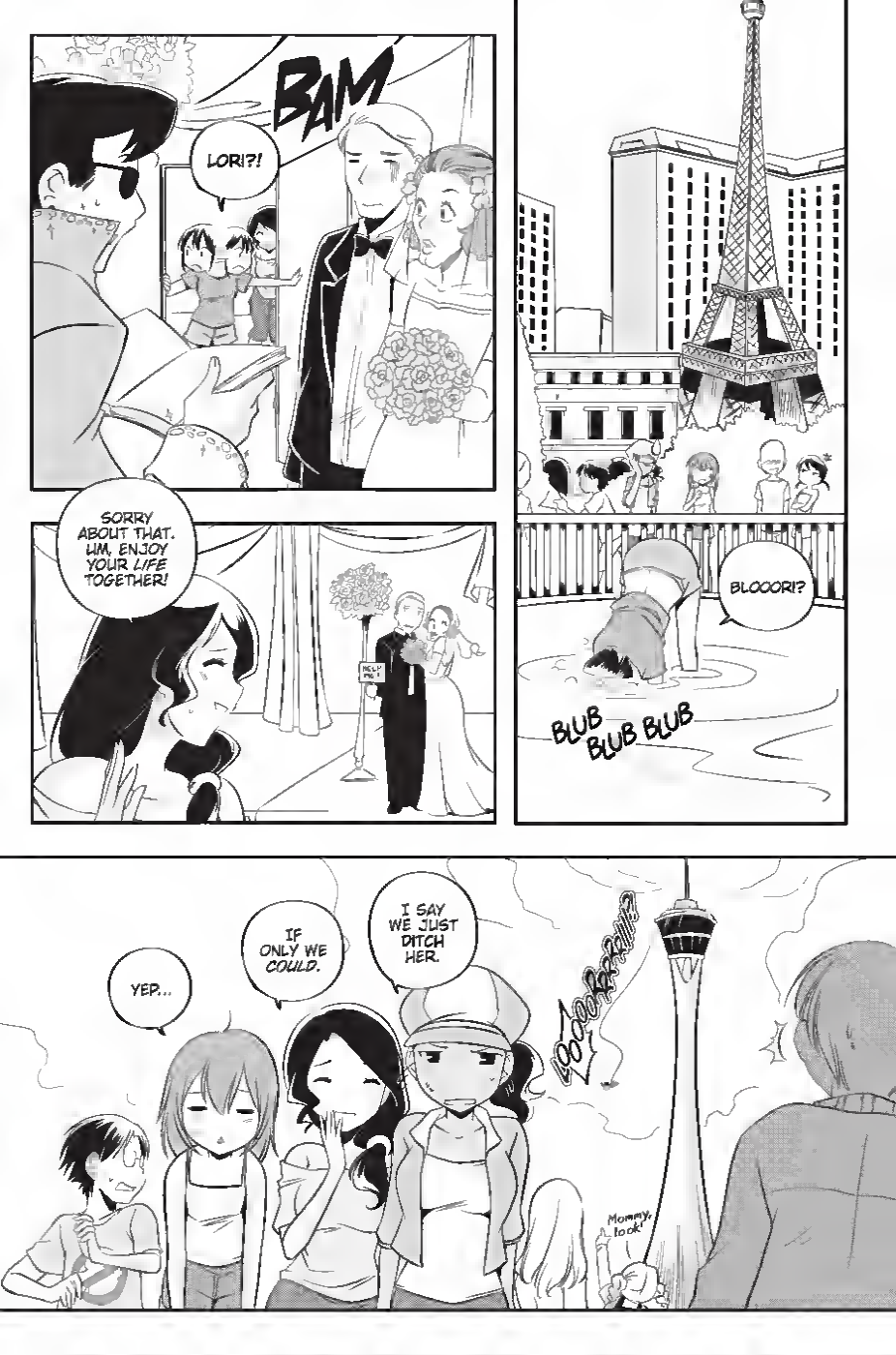
LOSERS.
DID YOU SEE THAT?
SNICKER
PATHETIC.
HA HA!
MAYBE WE CAN TRY FAKING IT A LITTLE MORE WHEN WE GET OUT THERE.
YA THINK?

VRZZ VRZZ
MY, SOMEONE IS POPULAR.
I TRY.

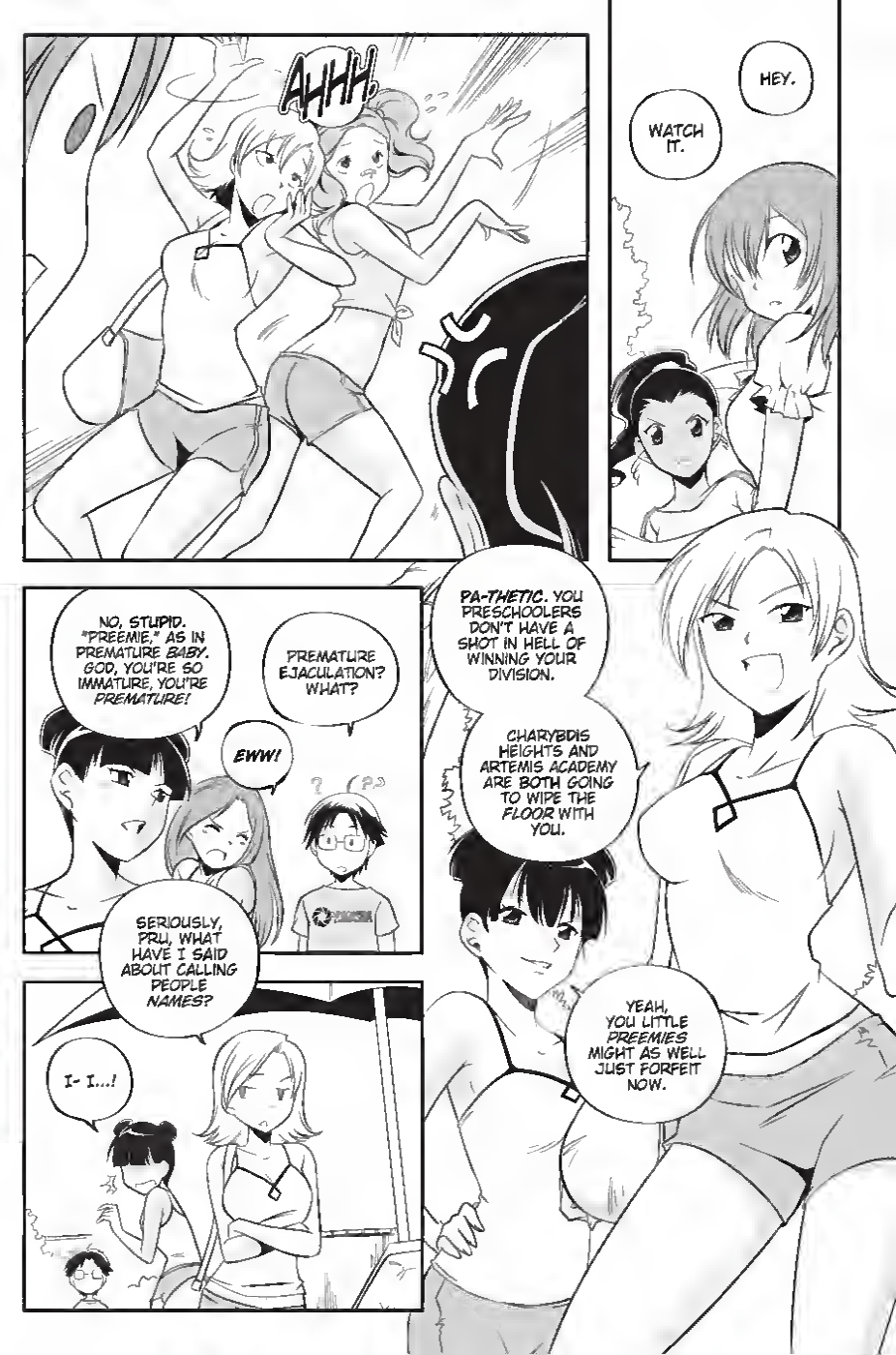
OH, I SEE. ADORABLE.
A VAMPIRE... CHEERLEADER. AND SHE'S IN TOWN FOR A COMPETITION.
SO, HOW MANY MORE OF YOU ARE THERE? I COUNTED FOUR LAST NIGHT, AT LEAST.
OF?
...
OH, THIS TEXT IS INTERESTING
"SOMEHOW MADE IT TO R2. OUT LOOKING NOW. WHERE R U?"
WHAT'S THIS "R2" STAND FOR?
ROUND 2. FINALS.
OH, YOU'D LIKE THAT, WOULDN'T YOU? RAARW.
BITE ME.

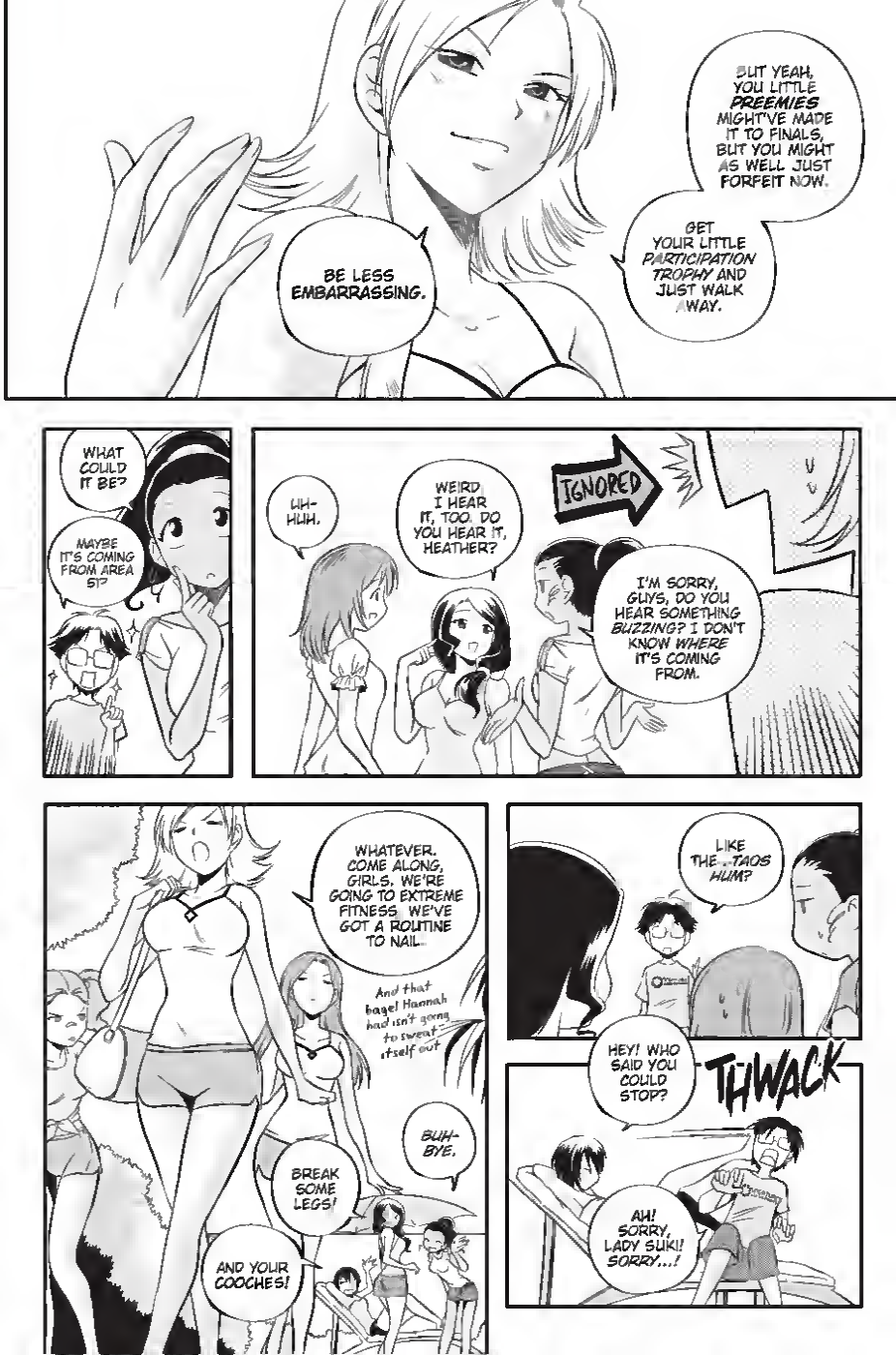
NO. I USED TO GORGE MYSELF WHEN I WAS A CALLOW YOUTH, BUT THAT WAS BEFORE I LEARNED TO SAVOR MY FOOD.
SQUEAK SQUEAK
AND BELIEVE ME, YOU ARE JUST THE TYPE OF MORSEL THAT SCREAMS TO BE RELISHED.
NNH...

LORI? YOU IN THERE?
LOOORI!
LORI!
Missing Cheerleader
MISSING CHEERLEAD
Goes by the nam
If found, please ca


BAM
LORI?!
SORRY ABOUT THAT. UM, ENJOY YOUR LIFE TOGETHER!
BLOOOR!?
BLUB BLUB BLUB
YEP...
IF ONLY WE COULD.
I SAY WE JUST DITCH HER.
Mommy, look!

LITTLE LOWER. OH, YEAH... THAT'S IT.
LOT OF GOOD THAT DOES US IN FINDING HER, THOUGH.
SHE'S OUR MAKER. WE ALL STILL SENSE HER.
WE ALL AGREE THAT LORI'S STILL ALIVE, CORRECT?
YEAH. DEFINITELY.
MISSING
MAYBE SHE DOESN'T WANNA BE FOUND.
NO, THIS COMPETITION MEANT EVERYTHING TO HER.
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO. WE WIN THIS COMPETITION FOR HER.
SHE WOULDN'T JUST THROW ALL THOSE MONTHS OF HARD WORK AWAY. SHE WOULDN'T JUST ABANDON US, OR THE TEAM, LIKE THAT.
WHAT DO WE DO, THOUGH?
YEAH, BRAINY SMURF, SPILL.

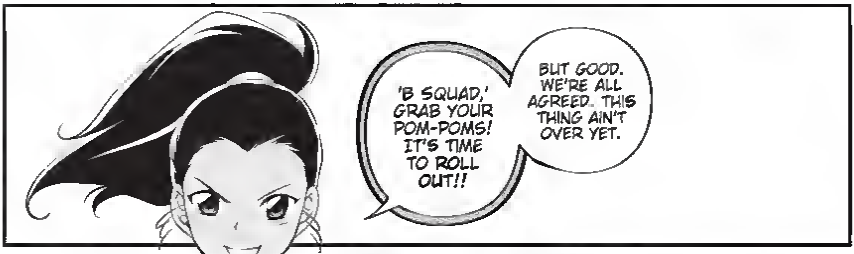

AHH!
HEY.
WATCH IT.
NO, STUPID. "PREEMIE," AS IN PREMATURE *BABY*. GOD, YOU'RE SO IMMATURE, YOU'RE *PREMATURE!*
PREMATURE EJACULATION? WHAT?
EWW!
SERIOUSLY, PRU, WHAT HAVE I SAID ABOUT CALLING PEOPLE *NAMES?*
I- I...!
PA-THETIC. YOU PRESCHOOLERS DON'T HAVE A SHOT IN HELL OF WINNING YOUR DIVISION.
CHARYBDIS HEIGHTS AND ARTEMIS ACADEMY ARE BOTH GOING TO WIPE THE *FLOOR* WITH YOU.
YEAH, YOU LITTLE *PREEMIES* MIGHT AS WELL JUST FORFEIT NOW.


BUT YEAH, YOU LITTLE PREEMIES MIGHT'VE MADE IT TO FINALS, BUT YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST FORFEIT NOW.
GET YOUR LITTLE PARTICIPATION TROPHY AND JUST WALK AWAY.
BE LESS EMBARRASSING.
WHAT COULD IT BE?
MAYBE IT'S COMING FROM AREA 51?
UH-HUH.
WEIRD. I HEAR IT, TOO. DO YOU HEAR IT, HEATHER?
IGNORED
I'M SORRY, GUYS, DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING BUZZING? I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S COMING FROM.
WHATEVER. COME ALONG, GIRLS. WE'RE GOING TO EXTREME FITNESS. WE'VE GOT A ROUTINE TO NAIL.
And that bagel Hannah had isn't going to sweat itself out
BUH-BYE.
BREAK SOME LEGS!
AND YOUR COOCHES!
LIKE THE...TAOS HUM?
HEY! WHO SAID YOU COULD STOP?
THWACK
AH! SORRY, LADY SUKI! SORRY...!

WAIT, ARE YOU...?
YEEEP.
SOOO... TO WIN THIS COMPETITION, WE'RE *REALLY* GOING TO NEED A PLACE TO PRACTICE, AREN'T WE?
??
GYM PRACTICE.
???
OH, THAT'S SNEAKY.
OH, COME ON, SUKI. THINK!
HUH?
OH, *HELL* YEAH!
OH!
AINLEY? WHERE THEY'RE GOING...?
OH.
SLAP

YEAH, IT'S CLEARLY PREVENTING THE NEURONS IN HER ZOMBIFIED BRAIN FROM FIRING.
THE WHA?
DON'T THINK TOO HARD ABOUT IT. YOU MIGHT BLOW A GASKET.

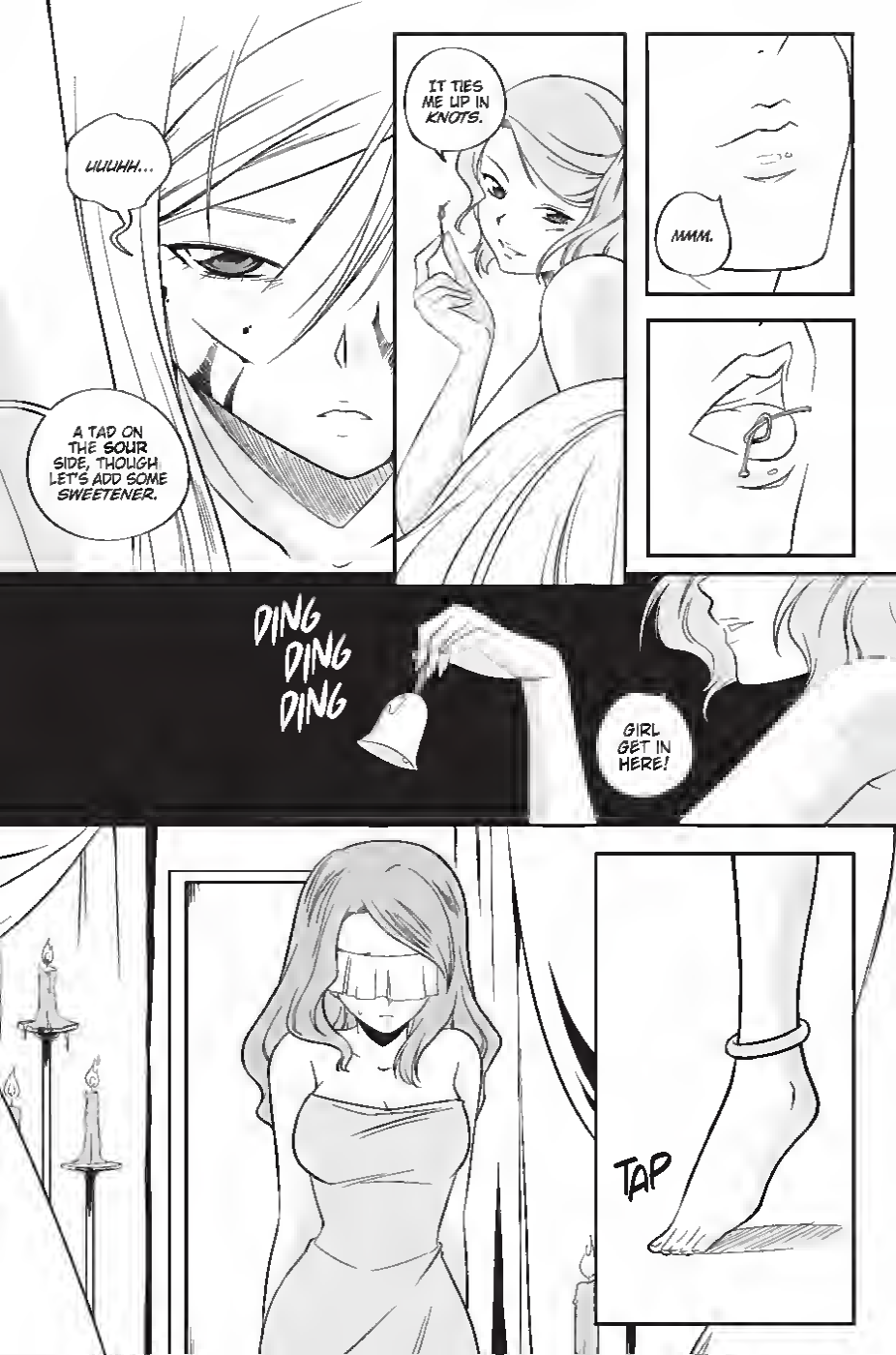
HEY...
ARE YOU SURE?
LEONARD, UH, CAN YOU STOP THAT?

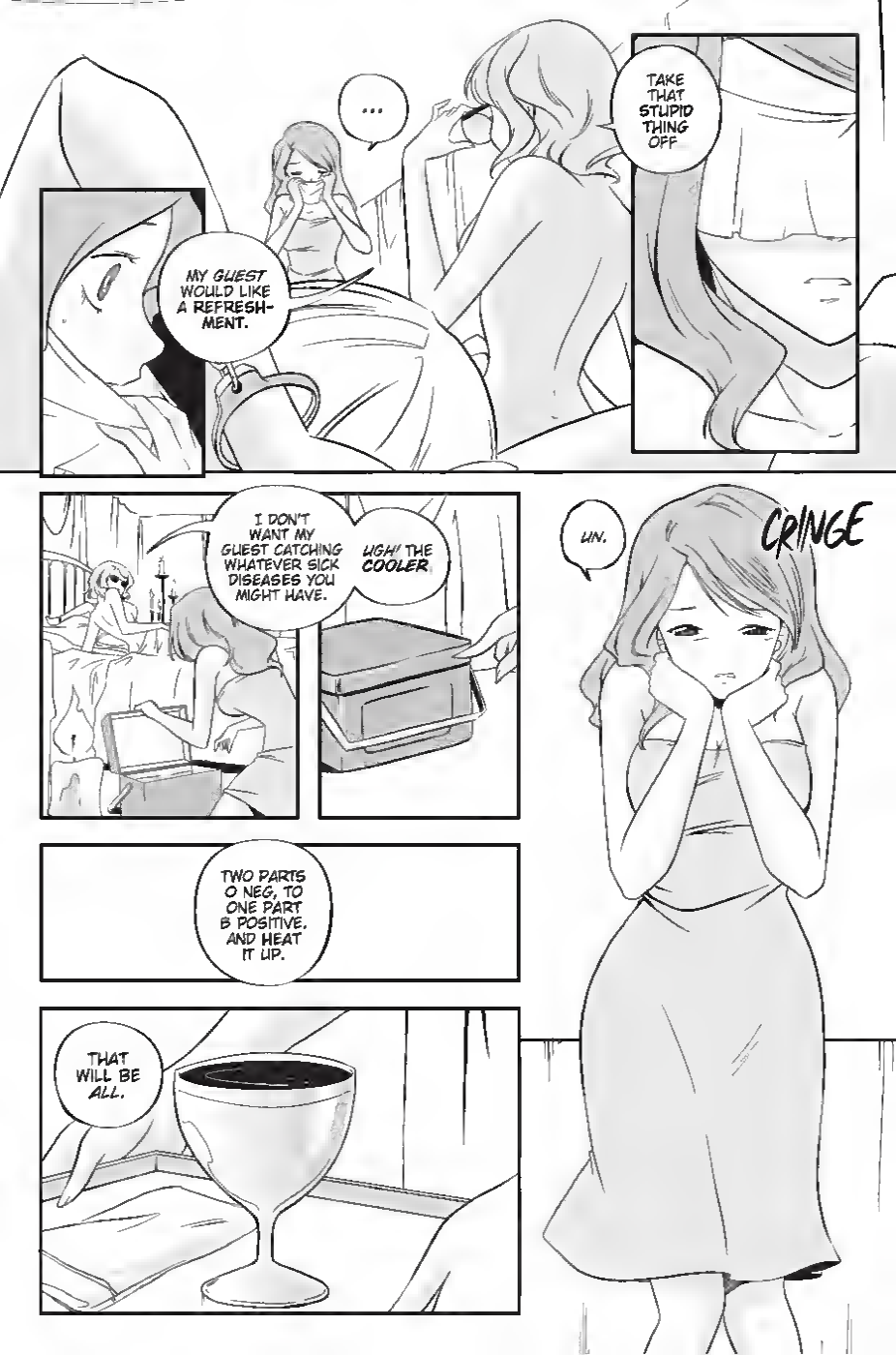

'B SQUAD,' GRAB YOUR POM-POMS! IT'S TIME TO ROLL OUT!!
BUT GOOD. WE'RE ALL AGREED. THIS THING AIN'T OVER YET.

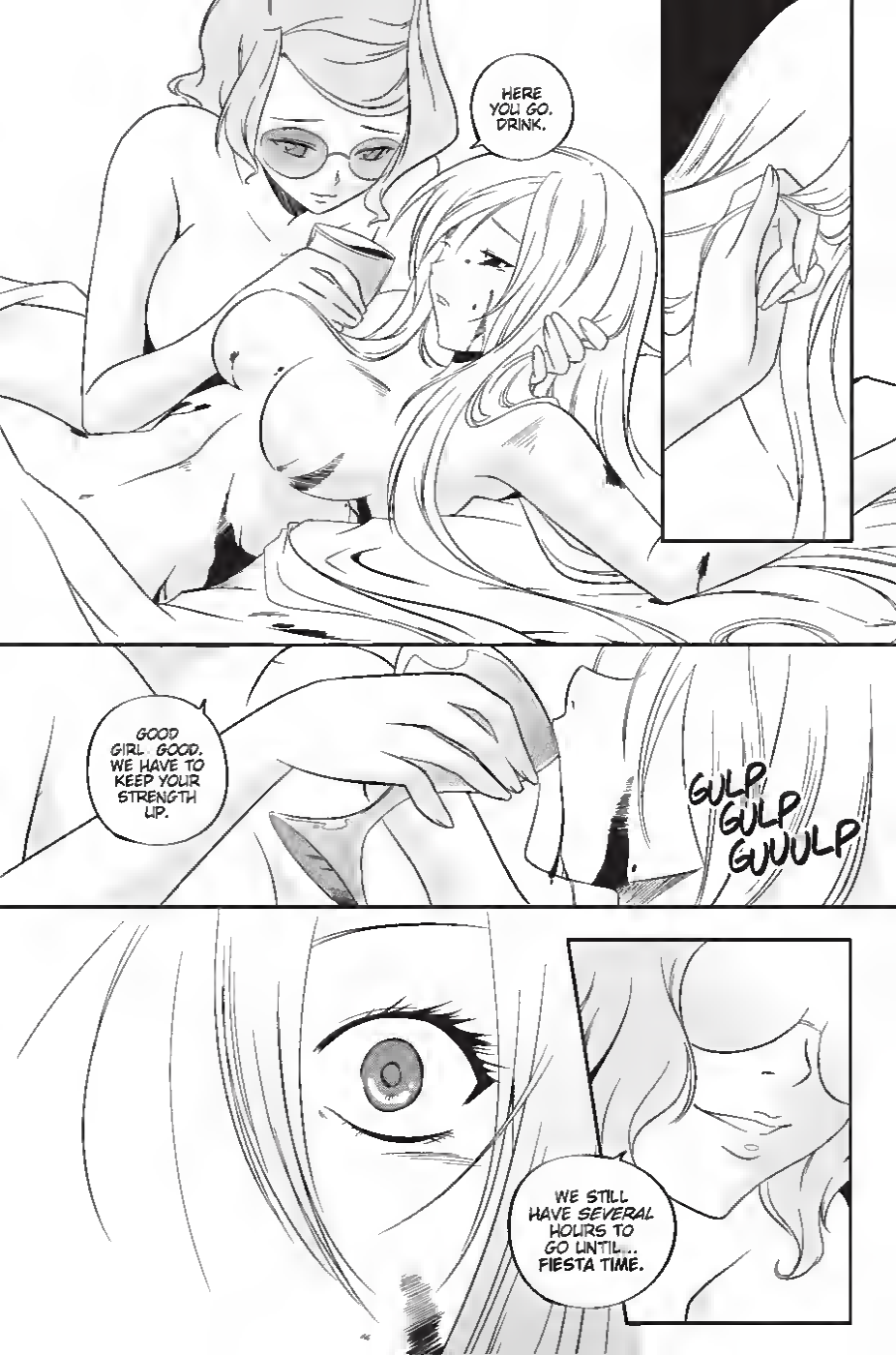
HEY! WHY DO YOU GET TO SAY ALL THE COOL STUFF?!

I'M SORRY, NO ONE UNDER EIGHTEEN--
EED!
HAAAH!
MONEY. NOW.
MOTHER, FATHER...
WINNER

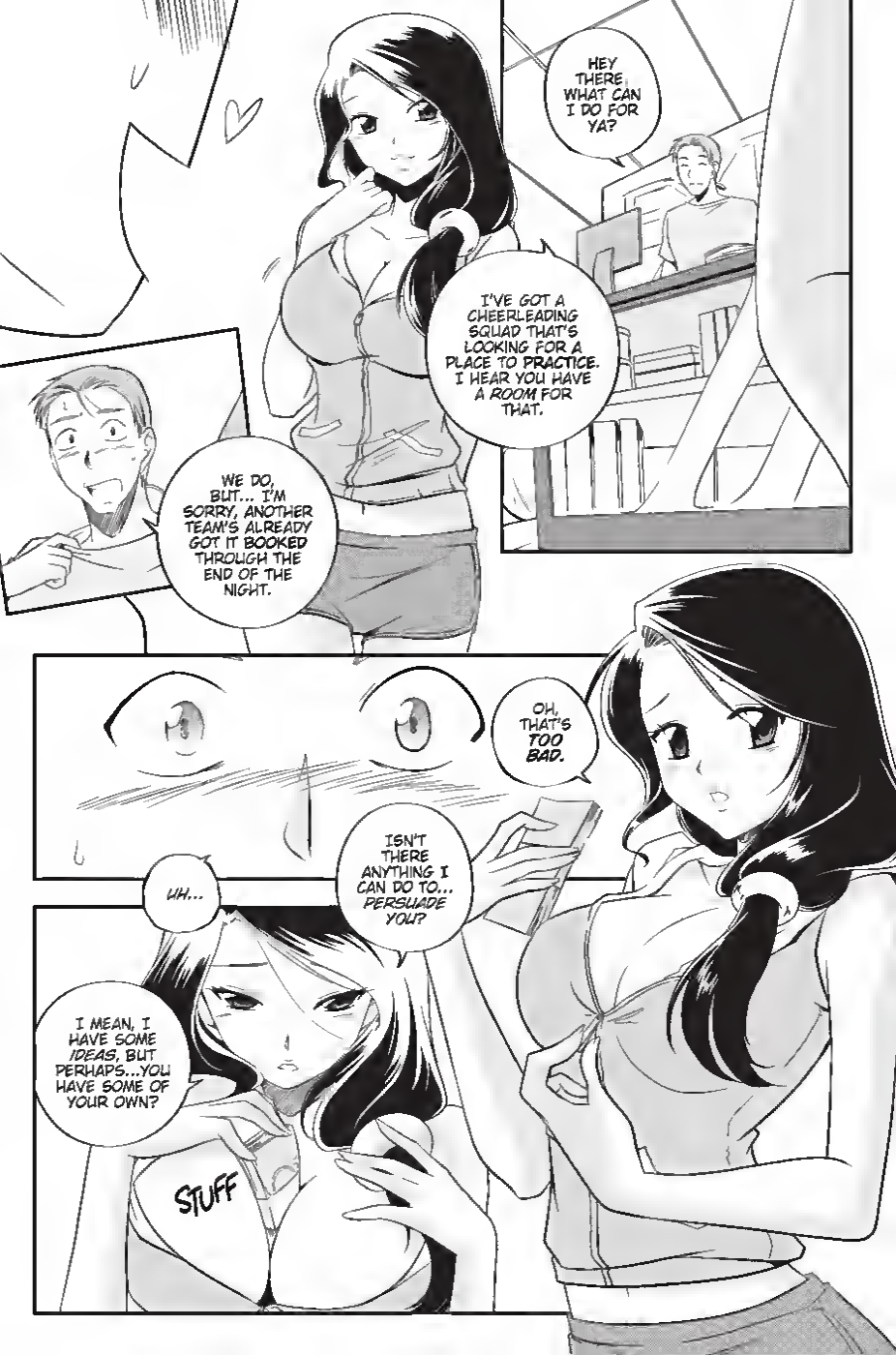
TWIRL
OOOH, SWEET AND SOUR...


UUUHH...
A TAD ON THE SOUR SIDE, THOUGH LET'S ADD SOME SWEETENER.
IT TIES ME UP IN KNOTS.
MMM.
DING DING DING
GIRL GET IN HERE!
TAP


TAKE THAT STUPID THING OFF
...
MY GUEST WOULD LIKE A REFRESHMENT.
I DON'T WANT MY GUEST CATCHING WHATEVER SICK DISEASES YOU MIGHT HAVE.
UGH! THE COOLER.
UN.
CRINGE
TWO PARTS O NEG, TO ONE PART B POSITIVE, AND HEAT IT UP.
THAT WILL BE ALL.


HERE YOU GO. DRINK.
GOOD GIRL. GOOD. WE HAVE TO KEEP YOUR STRENGTH UP.
GULP GULP GUUULP
WE STILL HAVE SEVERAL HOURS TO GO UNTIL... FIESTA TIME.

EXTREME FITNESS
ALL RIGHT, TREASURER. DO YOUR THING.
GIVE 'ER THE MONEY, "BAGGIRL."
OH. RIGHT. HERE YOU GO.
CHA-CHING
OH, WE WON'T NEED ALL THAT. JUST THIS.
GOOD LUCK!
WHAT GOOD IS FIFTY DOLLARS IN ONES GOING TO DO US?
KNOWING THEM? I DON'T EVEN WANT TO KNOW.
WISH ME LUCK. TOODLES.

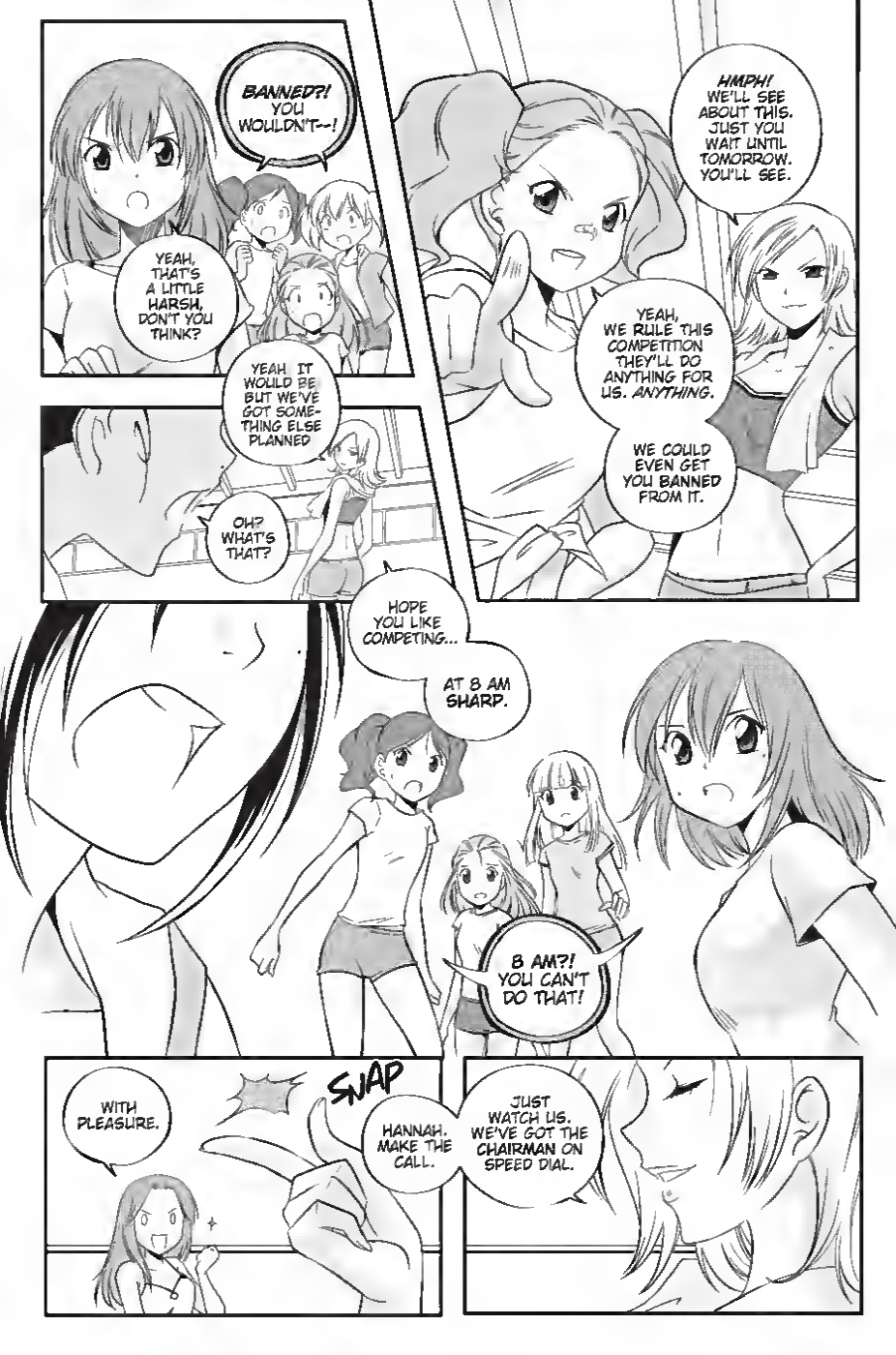

HEY THERE, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YA?
I'VE GOT A CHEERLEADING SQUAD THAT'S LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO PRACTICE. I HEAR YOU HAVE A ROOM FOR THAT.
WE DO, BUT... I'M SORRY, ANOTHER TEAM'S ALREADY GOT IT BOOKED THROUGH THE END OF THE NIGHT.
OH, THAT'S TOO BAD.
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO... PERSUADE YOU?
UH...
I MEAN, I HAVE SOME IDEAS, BUT PERHAPS...YOU HAVE SOME OF YOUR OWN?
STUFF

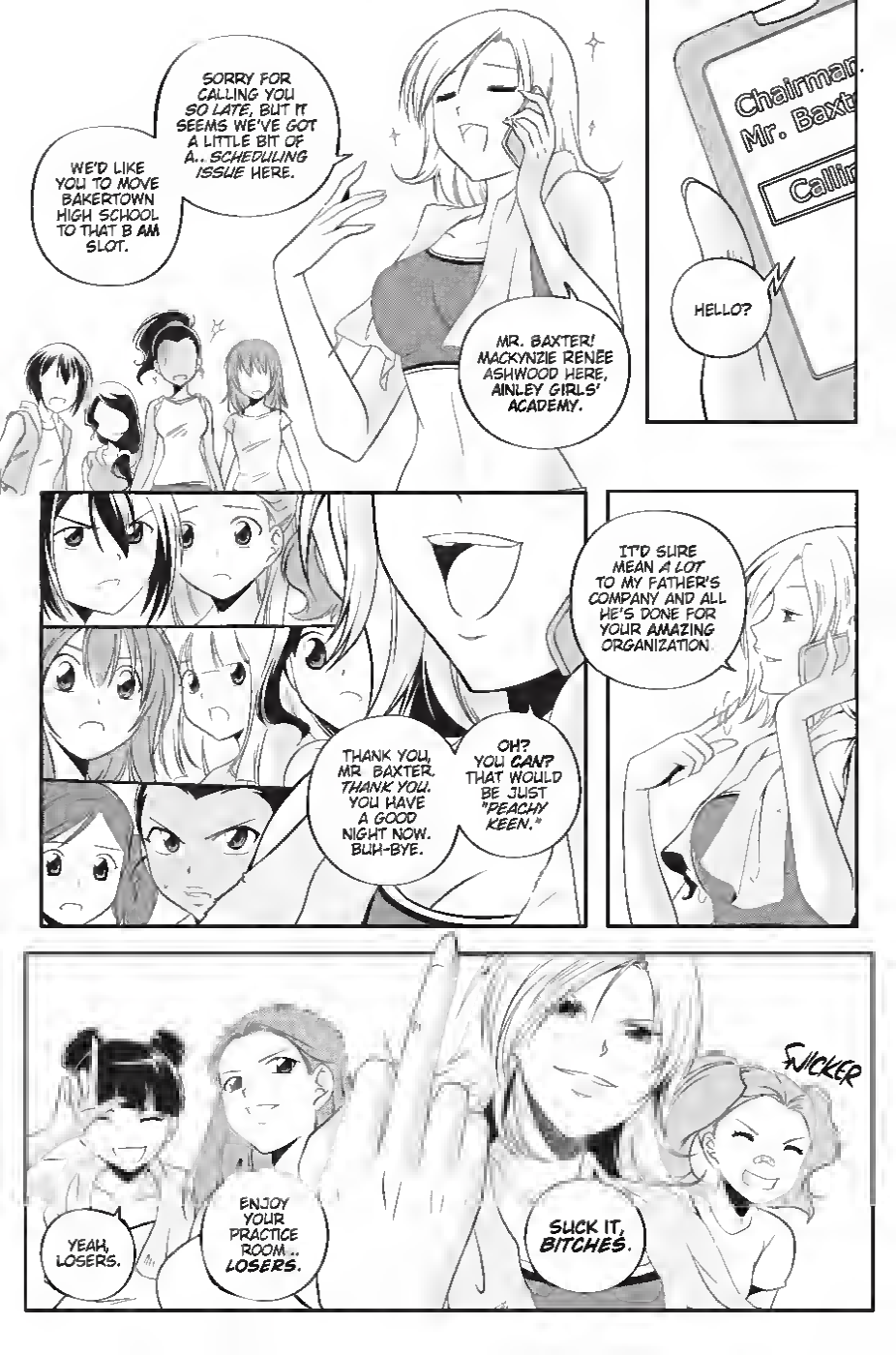
GUUH...
SQUIIISH♡
REACH
I'M GAME FOR ANYTHING, IF YOU ARE.
WE'RE IN!
SO?
YES!!

BET YOU DID, MR "BOOTY CALL."
How 'bout you come see me later?
OH. YEAH. I LIKED PLAN BC.
IT WAS PLAN BC.
HOW DID SHE DO THAT?
A GIRL NEVER REVEALS HER SECRETS.
WHAM
AINLEY BITCHES, OUT.
YEAH. BETTER OFFER CAME IN. OUT.
WHAT?!
OUR TIME'S NOT UP YET. WE RENTED THIS ROOM UNTIL CLOSING!

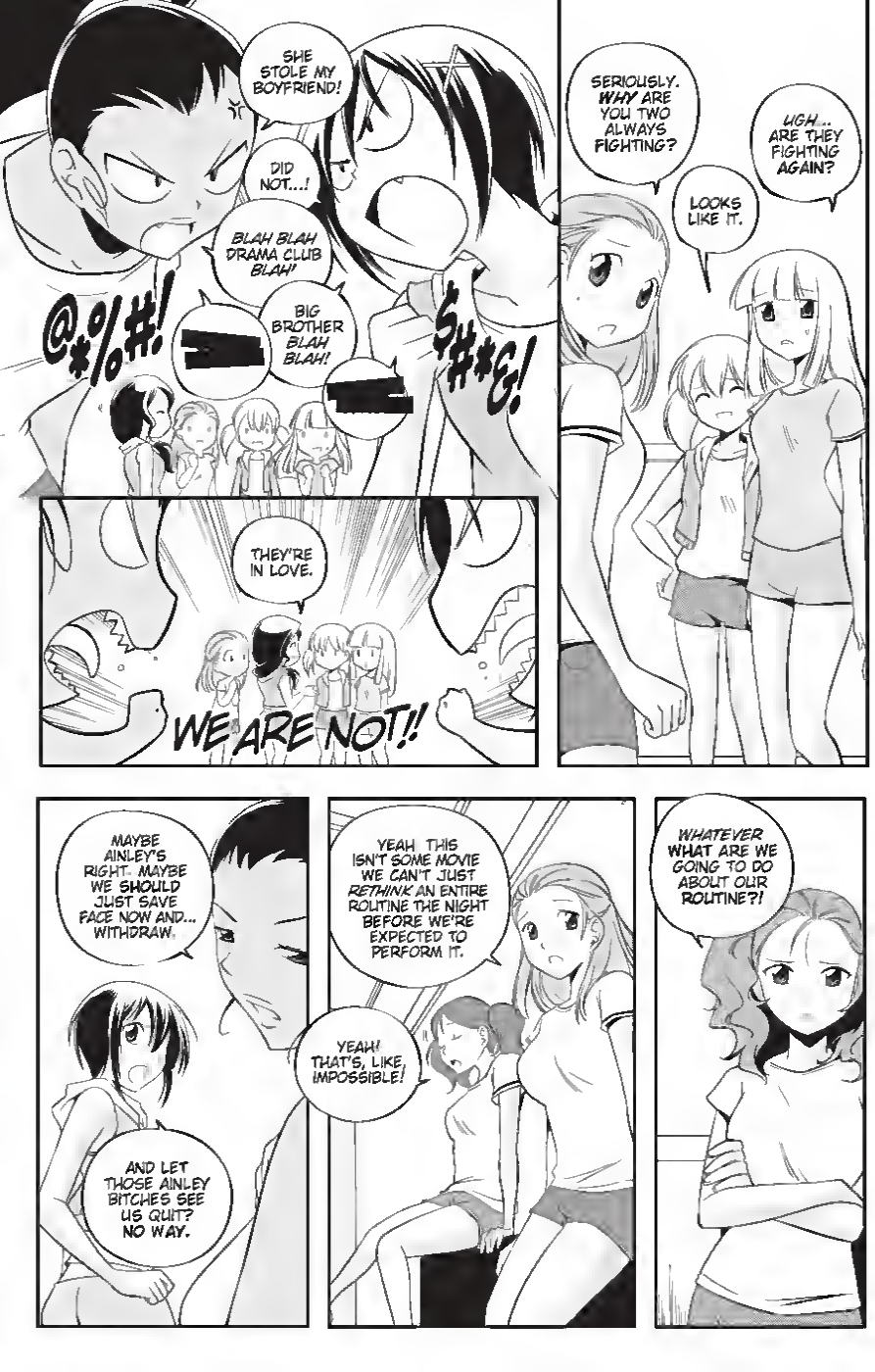
YOU AMATEURS JUST SCREWED WITH THE WRONG SET OF CHEER-LEADERS.
BAKERTOWN. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN.
RAAGH
LOOKS LIKE THE LITTLE JOAN JETT WANNABE'S GOT SOME ANGER MANAGEMENT ISSUES.
SUKI, NO!!
OH, I AM SO GONNA ENJOY DRAINING YOUR BOTOX ASS.
BUT YEAH, SHE SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN A FEW LESSONS FROM THAT MORONIC CAPTAIN OF THEIRS WITH THE LOW-CLASS SPRAY-ON TAN. AND YOU KNOW WHAT...?
OH GOD, PLEASE NOT THAT--!
THAT'S JUST NOT NECESSARY. YOU KEEP THIS UP, AND YOU'RE GOING TO THE BOTTOM OF GASSY FRAN'S PYRAMID.
SERIOUSLY, PRU... WHAT IS IT WITH YOU AND ALL THIS NAME CALLING?

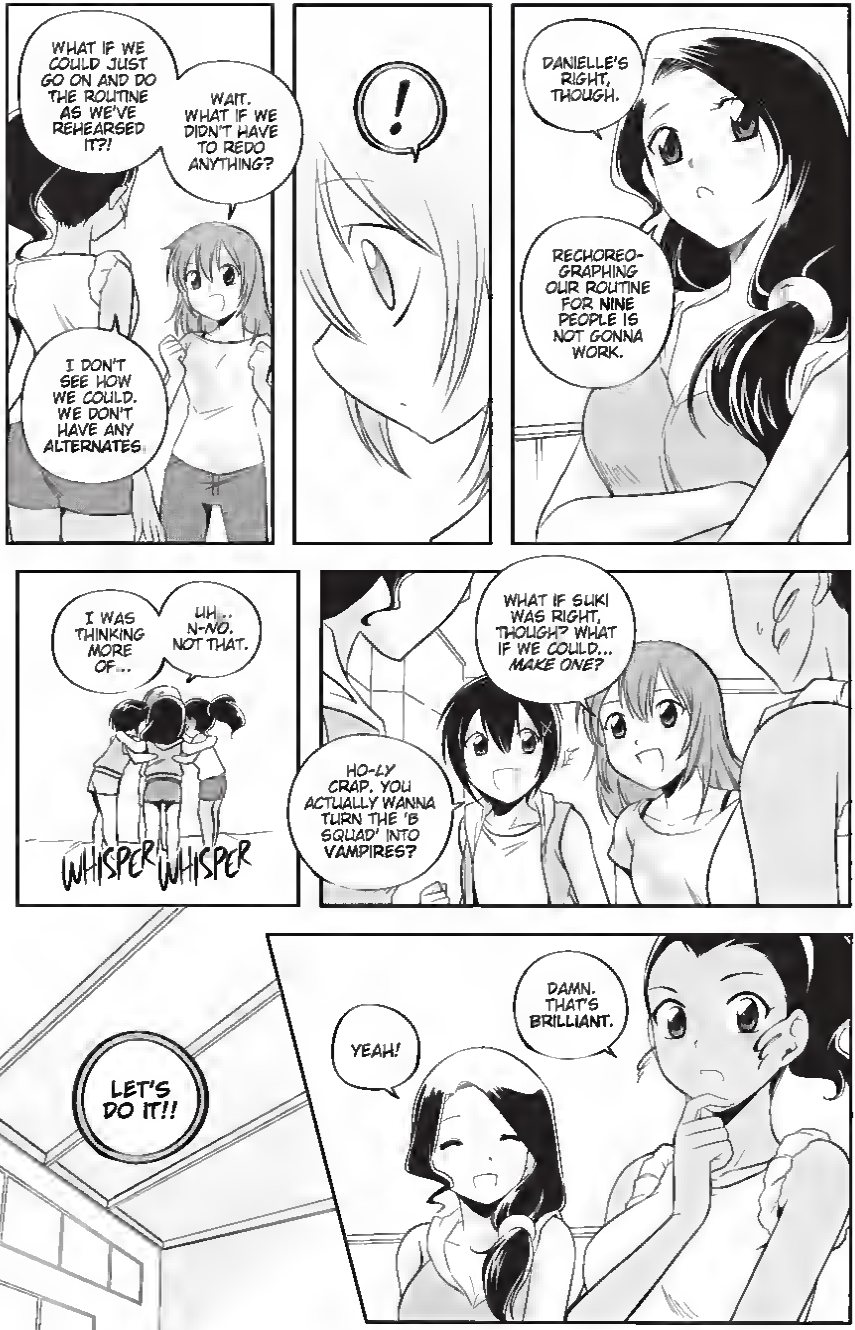
SHE MUST'VE REALIZED HOW EMBARRASSING THEY WERE AND DECIDED TO JUST QUIT.
I DON'T SEE HER HERE.
YEAH, MAYBE THE REST OF THEM DIDN'T GET THE MEMO.
OH, YOU ARE FREAKING DEAD!! MRRAGH!!!
LISTEN, BARBIE, YOU AND YOUR "PLASTICS" MIGHT WANNA DIAL IT BACK A LITTLE BEFORE EVEN I LOSE MY COOL.
YEAH, YOU SO DON'T WANT US TO "BRING IT"!
AUGH! THAT WAS SO LAME!
YEAH. JUST A T.V. WAS IT REALLY LAME?


BANNED?! YOU WOULDN'T--!
YEAH, THAT'S A LITTLE HARSH, DON'T YOU THINK?
YEAH. IT WOULD BE BUT WE'VE GOT SOMETHING ELSE PLANNED
OH? WHAT'S THAT?
HMPH! WE'LL SEE ABOUT THIS. JUST YOU WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW. YOU'LL SEE.
YEAH, WE RULE THIS COMPETITION THEY'LL DO ANYTHING FOR US. ANYTHING.
WE COULD EVEN GET YOU BANNED FROM IT.
HOPE YOU LIKE COMPETING...
AT 8 AM SHARP.
8 AM?! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
SWAP
WITH PLEASURE.
HANNAH. MAKE THE CALL.
JUST WATCH US. WE'VE GOT THE CHAIRMAN ON SPEED DIAL.

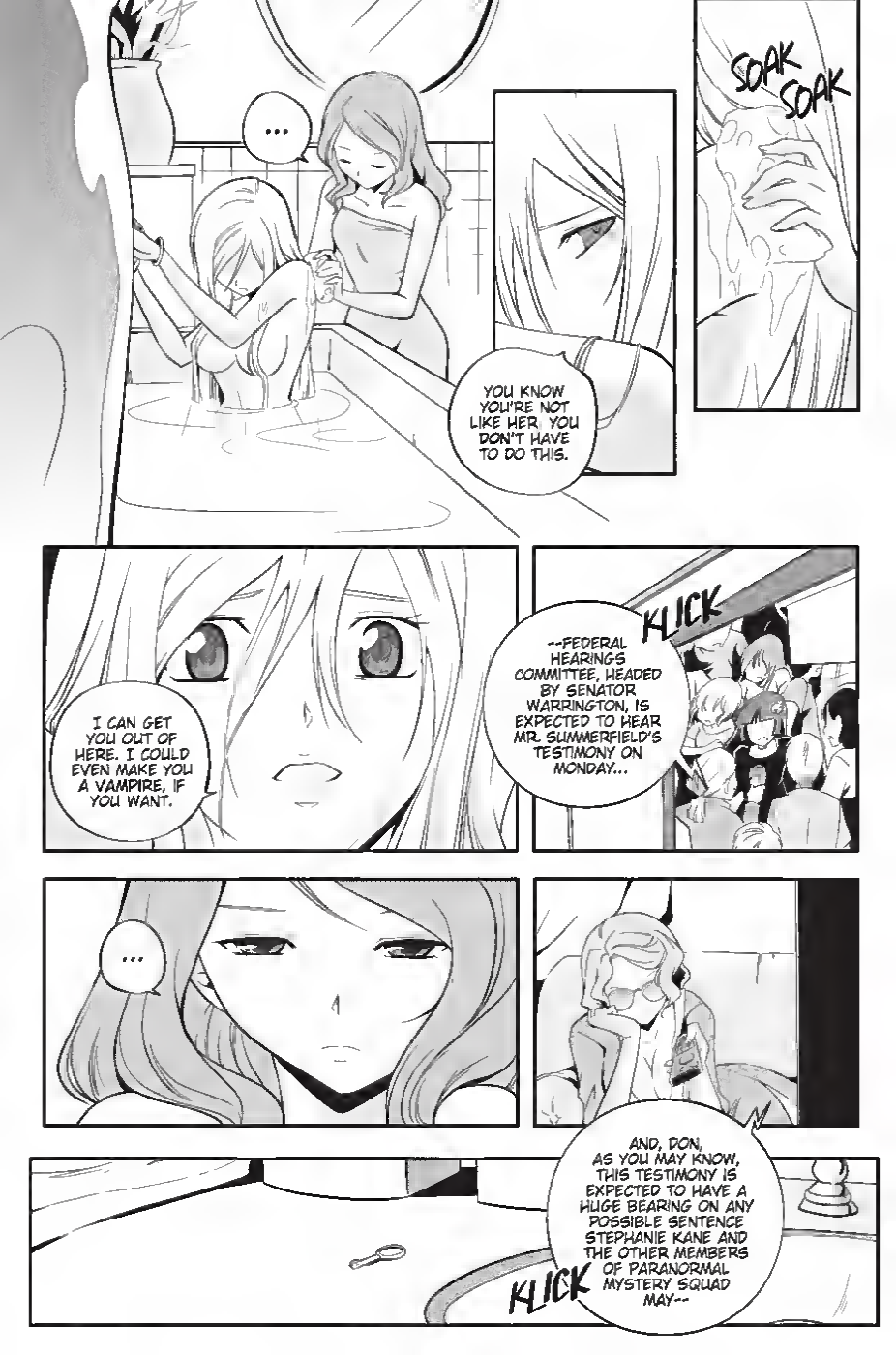

Chairman
Mr. Baxt
Callir
HELLO?
MR. BAXTER! MACKYNZIE RENÉE ASHWOOD HERE, AINLEY GIRLS' ACADEMY.
SORRY FOR CALLING YOU SO LATE, BUT IT SEEMS WE'VE GOT A LITTLE BIT OF A.. SCHEDULING ISSUE HERE.
WE'D LIKE YOU TO MOVE BAKERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL TO THAT B AM SLOT.
IT'D SURE MEAN A LOT TO MY FATHER'S COMPANY AND ALL HE'S DONE FOR YOUR AMAZING ORGANIZATION.
OH? YOU CAN? THAT WOULD BE JUST "PEACHY KEEN."
THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. THANK YOU. YOU HAVE A GOOD NIGHT NOW. BUH-BYE.
SNICKER
SUCK IT, BITCHES.
ENJOY YOUR PRACTICE ROOM .. LOSERS.
YEAH, LOSERS.

NAAH!
8 AM?! ARE YOU SERIOUS?!!
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN BE READY BY THEN! THAT'S LESS THAN TWELVE HOURS!
YEAH, THAT'S... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
WHAT? IT'S A GOOD IDEA.
ARE YOU INSANE?!!
I HAVE TO AGREE. WHAT'S OUR PLAN HERE EXACTLY?
I HADN'T THOUGHT THAT FAR AHEAD.
I SAY WE JUST TURN 'EM ALL INTO VAMPS AND BE DONE WITH IT.
AT LEAST I HAD AN IDEA...
YEAH, THE WRONG IDEA!
THE LAST THING WE NEED IS A BUNCH OF ACTUAL "PREEMIES" RUNNING AMOK ACROSS THE ENTIRE CONVENTION CENTER. NOW THINK NEXT TIME!
UH, LET ME BREAK IT TO YOU THIS WAY.
SLAP
OWW! HEY!!

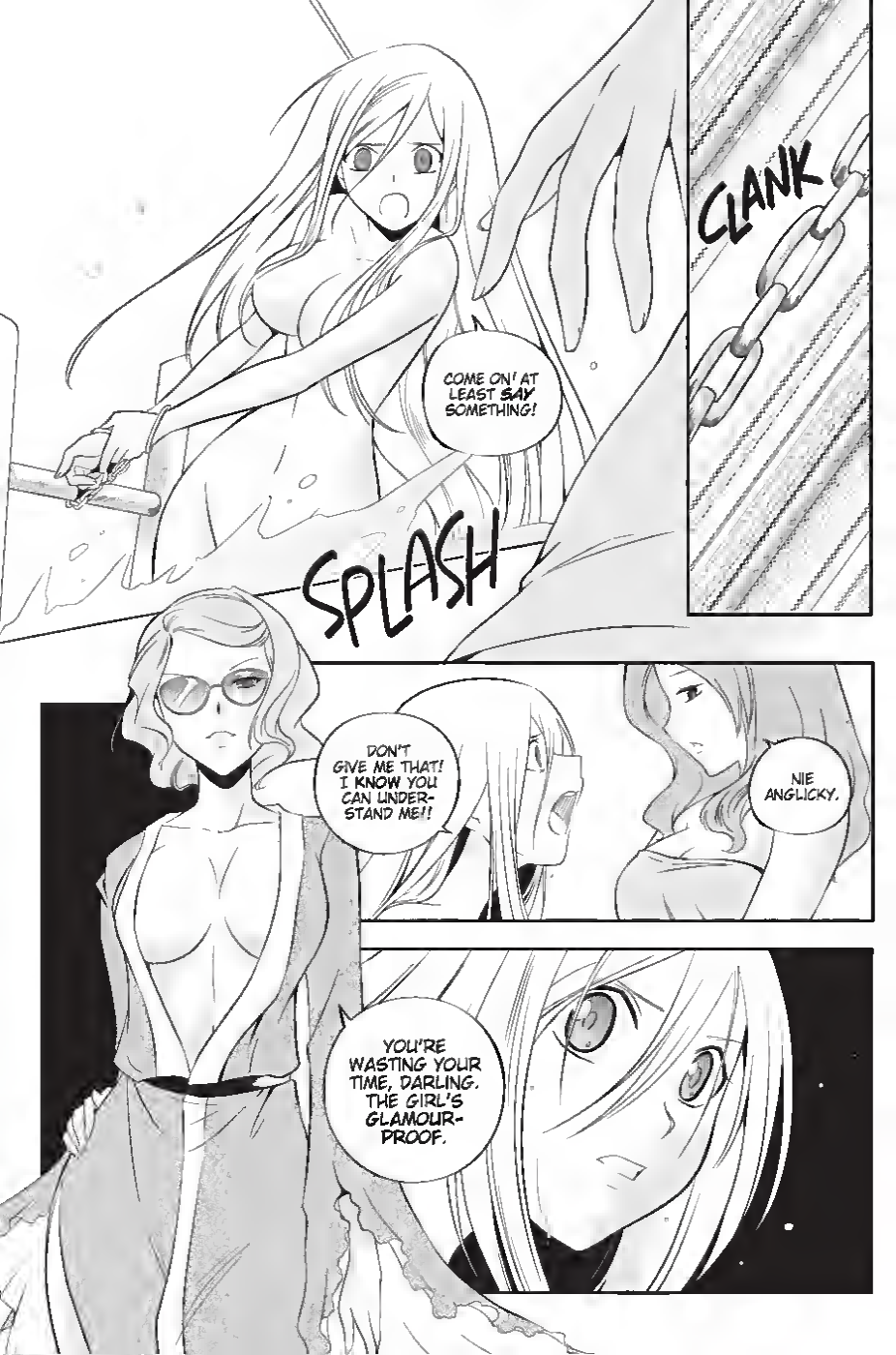

SHE STOLE MY BOYFRIEND!
DID NOT...!
BLAH BLAH DRAMA CLUB BLAH!
BIG BROTHER BLAH BLAH!
@*%#!
$#*&!
SERIOUSLY. WHY ARE YOU TWO ALWAYS FIGHTING?
LOOKS LIKE IT.
UGH... ARE THEY FIGHTING AGAIN?
THEY'RE IN LOVE.
WE ARE NOT!!
MAYBE AINLEY'S RIGHT. MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST SAVE FACE NOW AND... WITHDRAW.
AND LET THOSE AINLEY BITCHES SEE US QUIT? NO WAY.
YEAH. THIS ISN'T SOME MOVIE WE CAN'T JUST RETHINK AN ENTIRE ROUTINE THE NIGHT BEFORE WE'RE EXPECTED TO PERFORM IT.
YEAH! THAT'S, LIKE, IMPOSSIBLE!
WHATEVER WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT OUR ROUTINE?!


WHAT IF WE COULD JUST GO ON AND DO THE ROUTINE AS WE'VE REHEARSED IT?!
WAIT. WHAT IF WE DIDN'T HAVE TO REDO ANYTHING?
I DON'T SEE HOW WE COULD. WE DON'T HAVE ANY ALTERNATES.
!
DANIELLE'S RIGHT, THOUGH.
RECHOREOGRAPHING OUR ROUTINE FOR NINE PEOPLE IS NOT GONNA WORK.
I WAS THINKING MORE OF...
UH... N-NO. NOT THAT.
WHISPER WHISPER
WHAT IF SUKI WAS RIGHT, THOUGH? WHAT IF WE COULD... MAKE ONE?
HO-LY CRAP. YOU ACTUALLY WANNA TURN THE 'B SQUAD' INTO VAMPIRES?
LET'S DO IT!!
YEAH!
DAMN. THAT'S BRILLIANT.

THE BLAZING MAN COMMITTEE IS TAKING EXTRA STEPS THIS YEAR TO ENSURE THAT NO ADDITIONAL HARM WILL COME TO THE PLAYA
AS A RESULT OF THESE INCREASED CONCERNS FROM ENVIRONMENTALISTS...
I DON'T WANT MY GUEST TO BROWN UNEVENLY.
MAKE SURE YOU CLEAN HER UP REALLY WELL. GET ALL THAT BLOOD AND WHATEVER'S LEFT OF THAT SUNSCREEN OFF OF HER.
CLANK


...
YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT LIKE HER. YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS.
SOAK SOAK
I CAN GET YOU OUT OF HERE. I COULD EVEN MAKE YOU A VAMPIRE, IF YOU WANT.
--FEDERAL HEARINGS COMMITTEE, HEADED BY SENATOR WARRINGTON, IS EXPECTED TO HEAR MR. SUMMERFIELD'S TESTIMONY ON MONDAY...
KLICK
...
AND, DON, AS YOU MAY KNOW, THIS TESTIMONY IS EXPECTED TO HAVE A HUGE BEARING ON ANY POSSIBLE SENTENCE STEPHANIE KANE AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF PARANORMAL MYSTERY SQUAD MAY--
KLICK

I JUST NEED THE KEY PLEASE...
...
--EAT 'EM ALL THAT TIME, LET 'EM BLOW YOUR MIND--
YAWN...
KLICK
PLEASE...
...
KLICK
--NATIONAL CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP WHERE THE SUN HASN'T EVEN RISEN YET...BUT TEAMS ARE ALREADY BUSILY GREETING THE NEW DAY WITH CHEERS AND PYRAMIDS.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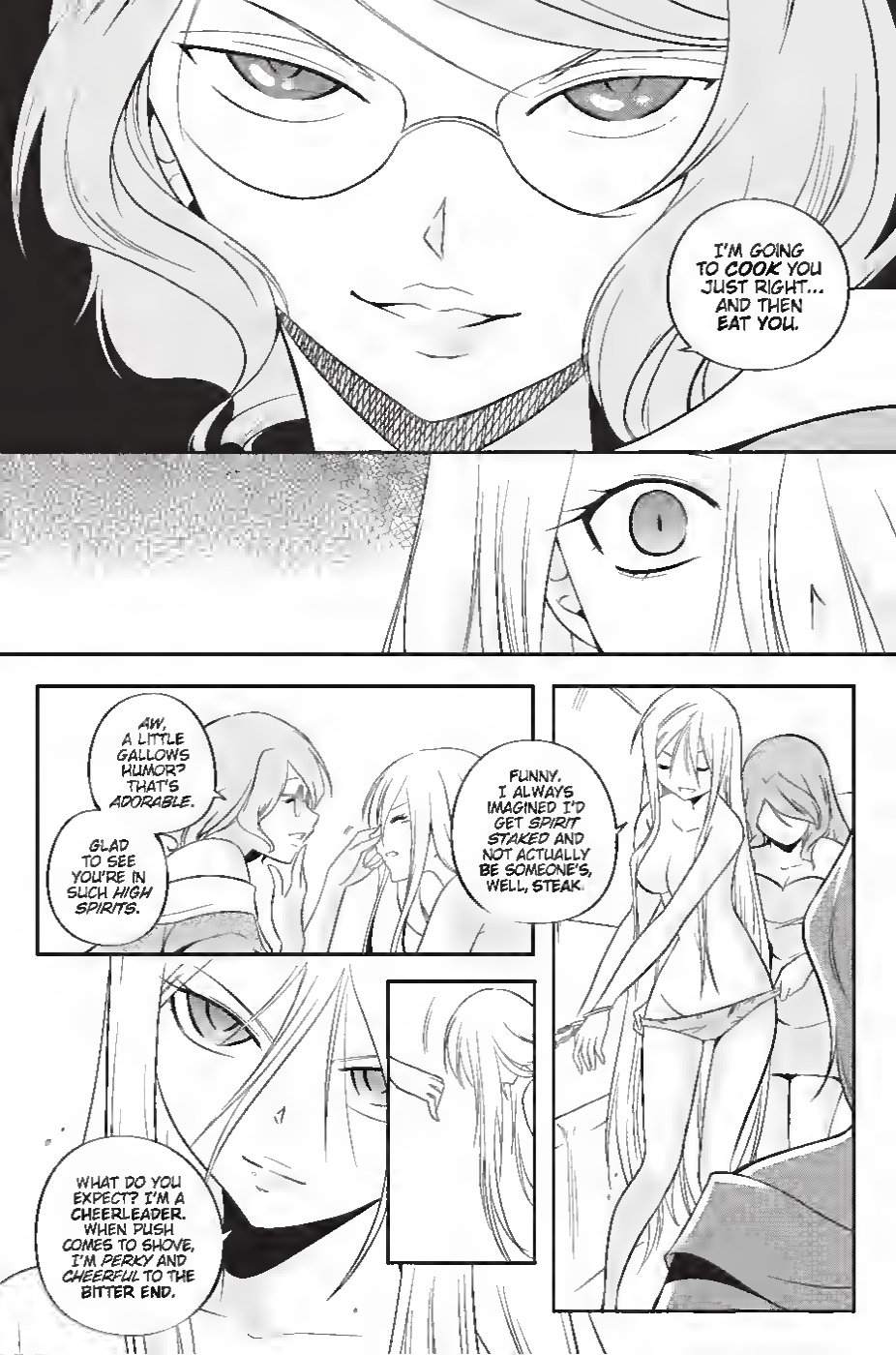
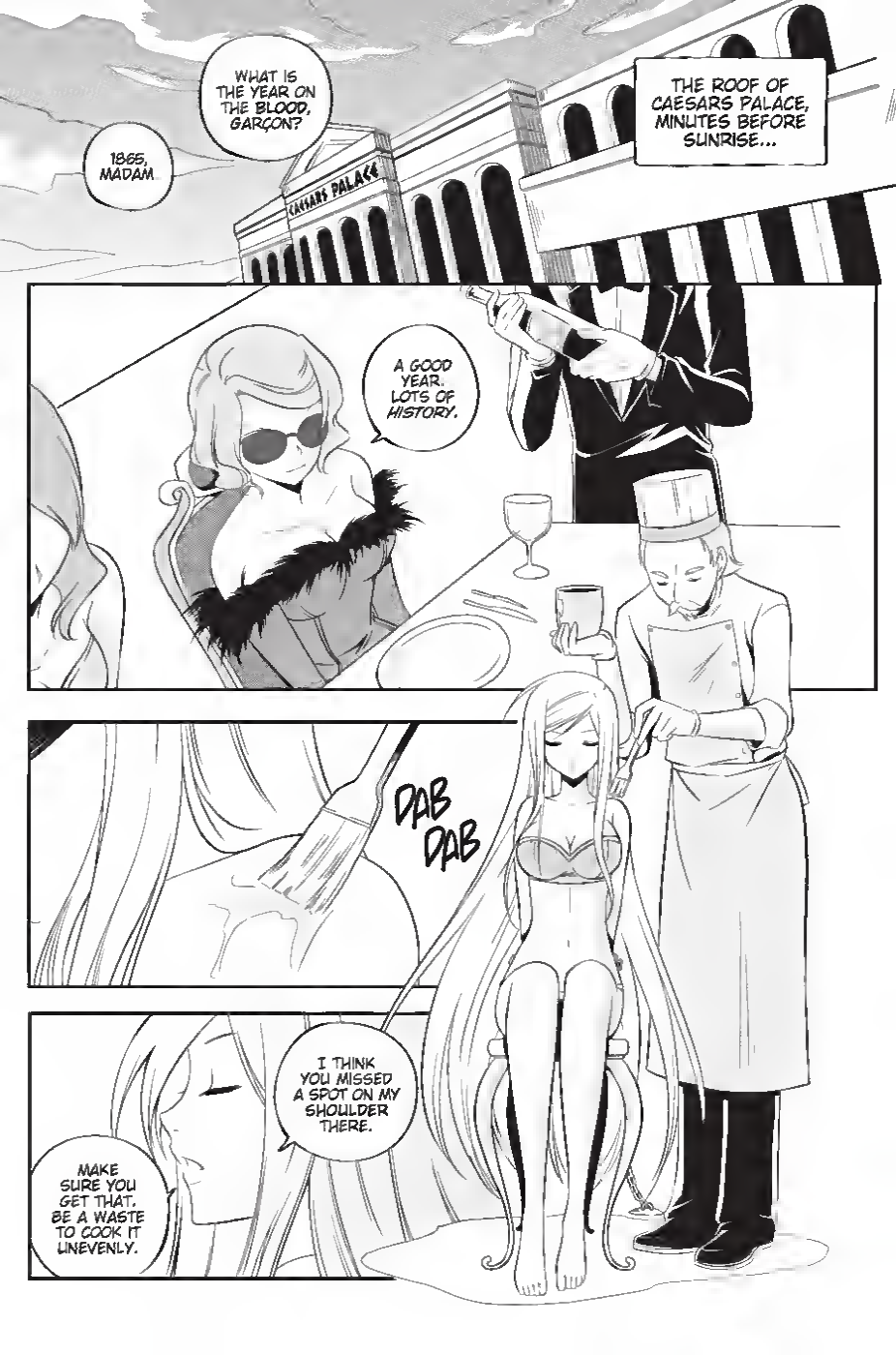
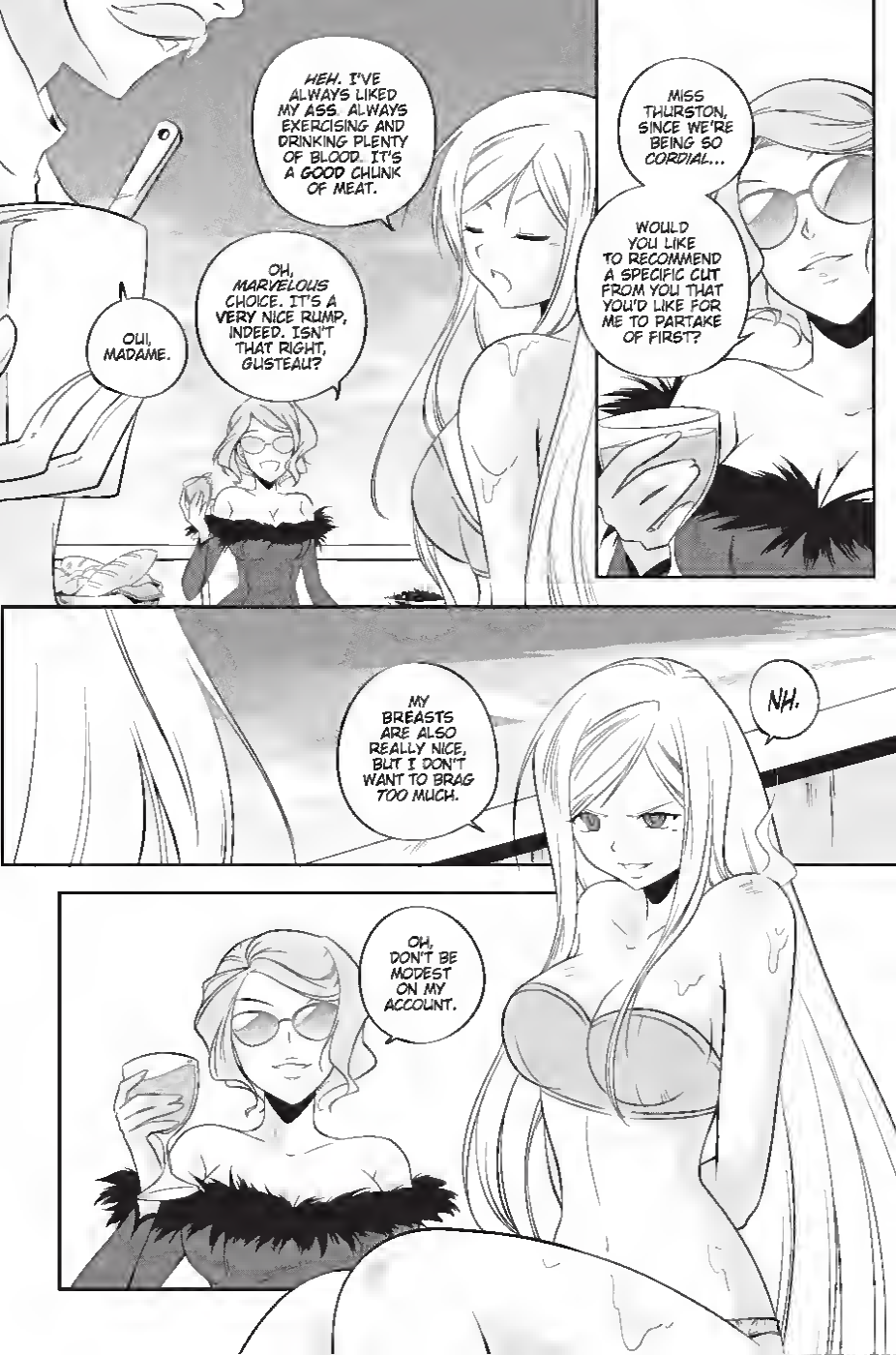
COME ON! AT LEAST SAY SOMETHING!
SPLASH
DON'T GIVE ME THAT! I KNOW YOU CAN UNDERSTAND ME!!
NIE ANGLICKY.
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, DARLING. THE GIRL'S GLAMOUR-PROOF.

GUESS THERE'S WORSE WAYS TO GO.
A VEGAS ROOF AT SUNRISE.
THAT'S ENOUGH. WE NEED TO START GETTING OUR GUEST TO THE ROOF.
GRAB
OOO, RIGHT TO THE POINT, MY LITTLE FANGED ONE. I LIKE THAT.
TELL ME, "BIANCA"... WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME?
GRIN

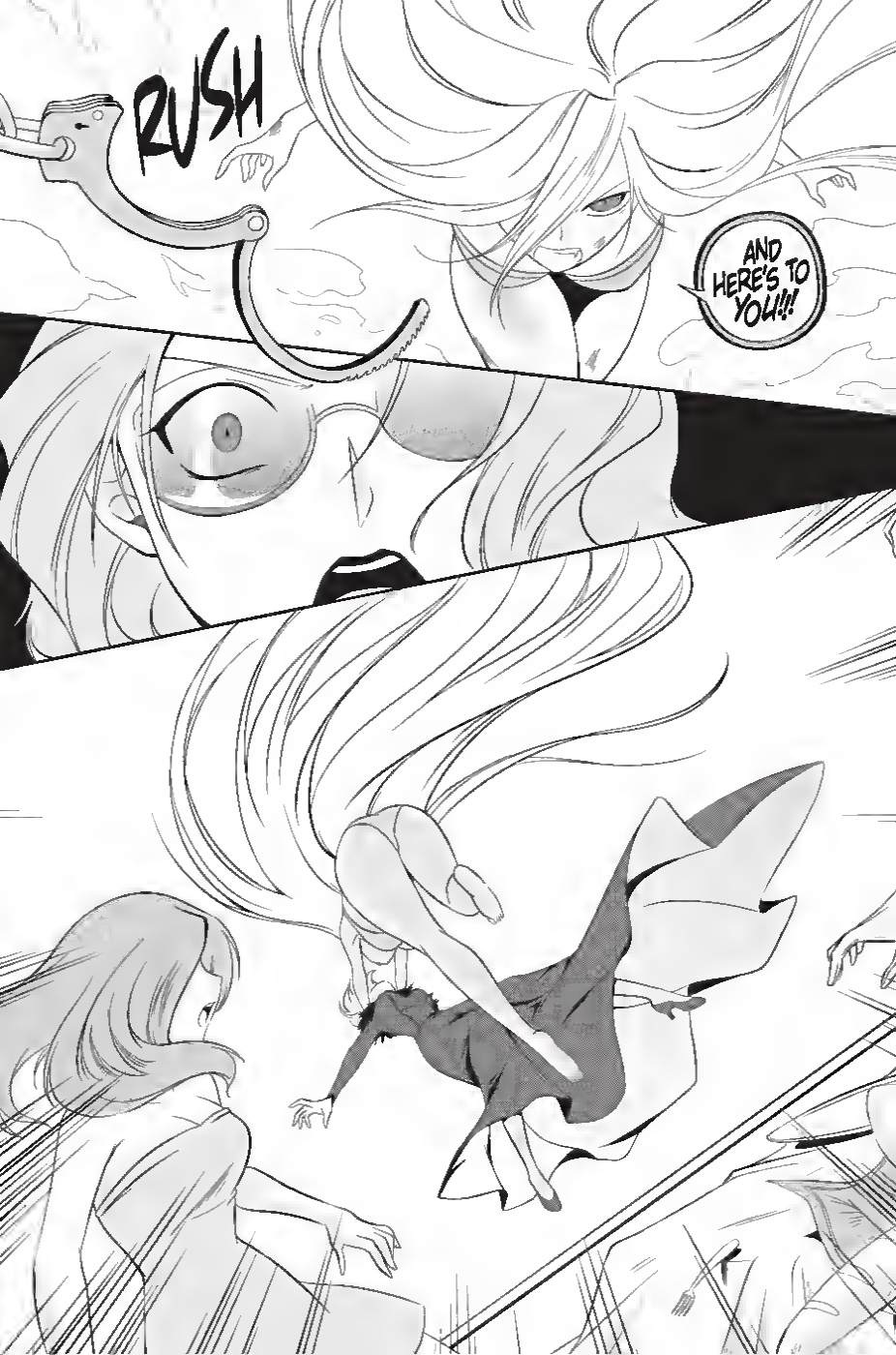

I'M GOING TO COOK YOU JUST RIGHT... AND THEN EAT YOU.
AW, A LITTLE GALLOWS HUMOR? THAT'S ADORABLE.
GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE IN SUCH HIGH SPIRITS.
FUNNY. I ALWAYS IMAGINED I'D GET SPIRIT STAKED AND NOT ACTUALLY BE SOMEONE'S, WELL, STEAK.
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? I'M A CHEERLEADER. WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE, I'M PERKY AND CHEERFUL TO THE BITTER END.


THE ROOF OF CAESARS PALACE, MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE...
WHAT IS THE YEAR ON THE BLOOD, GARÇON?
1865, MADAM.
A GOOD YEAR. LOTS OF HISTORY.
DAB DAB
I THINK YOU MISSED A SPOT ON MY SHOULDER THERE.
MAKE SURE YOU GET THAT. BE A WASTE TO COOK IT UNEVENLY.


MISS THURSTON, SINCE WE'RE BEING SO CORDIAL...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECOMMEND A SPECIFIC CUT FROM YOU THAT YOU'D LIKE FOR ME TO PARTAKE OF FIRST?
HEH. I'VE ALWAYS LIKED MY ASS. ALWAYS EXERCISING AND DRINKING PLENTY OF BLOOD. IT'S A GOOD CHUNK OF MEAT.
OH, MARVELOUS CHOICE. IT'S A VERY NICE RUMP, INDEED. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, GUSTEAU?
OUI, MADAME.
NH.
MY BREASTS ARE ALSO REALLY NICE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BRAG TOO MUCH.
OH, DON'T BE MODEST ON MY ACCOUNT.

MMM. I CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF THAT SMELL!
I WOULD HAVE VAMPIRE EVERY DAY, IF I COULD!
NAH.
MAYBE... MAYBE YOU COULD SAVE A LITTLE OF ME AND YOU COULD HAVE A NICE .. CASSEROLE TOMORROW.
AH, SPLENDID IDEA! WOULDN'T THAT BE SIMPLY DIVINE, MY DEAR?
...
GUSTEAU, PLEASE SAVE SOME OF OUR GUEST FOR A CASSEROLE TOMORROW.
OUI, MADAME.
OH! AND BE SURE TO PUT SOME ON ICE FOR MY SISTER. I'M SURE SHE WOULD LOVE IT WHEN I SEE HER NEXT.
OUI, MADAME.
SSIZZ

YOU HAVE A VERY NICE BASE TAN, YOU KNOW THAT? I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO COOK UP JUST RIGHT.
FUNNY. I HAD SOMEONE THE OTHER DAY.. UNNH .. TELL ME IT LOOKED "SHITTY."
OH, NO, NO. IT'S A VERY NICE SHADE FOR A VAMPIRE OF YOUR VINTAGE.
RUSTLE
GNH.
DAAAH!
WELL, MISS THURSTON, I HAVE HAD A TRULY WONDERFUL HOLIDAY. HERE'S TO YOU.


RUSH
AND HERE'S TO YOU!!!

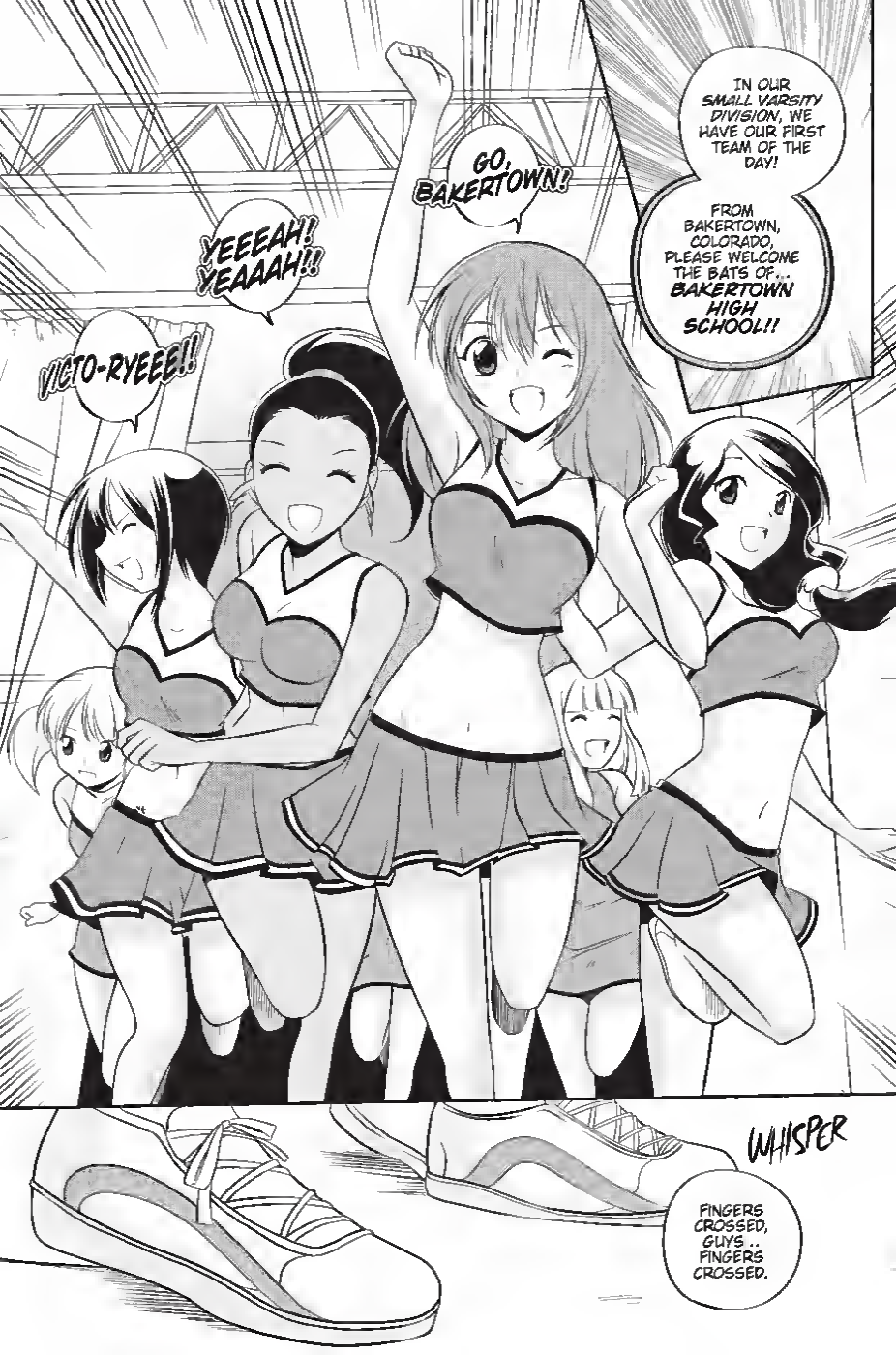
AAGGHHH!
YOU REALLY PISSED ME OFF, YOU KNOW THAT?!
SPLOOOOSH

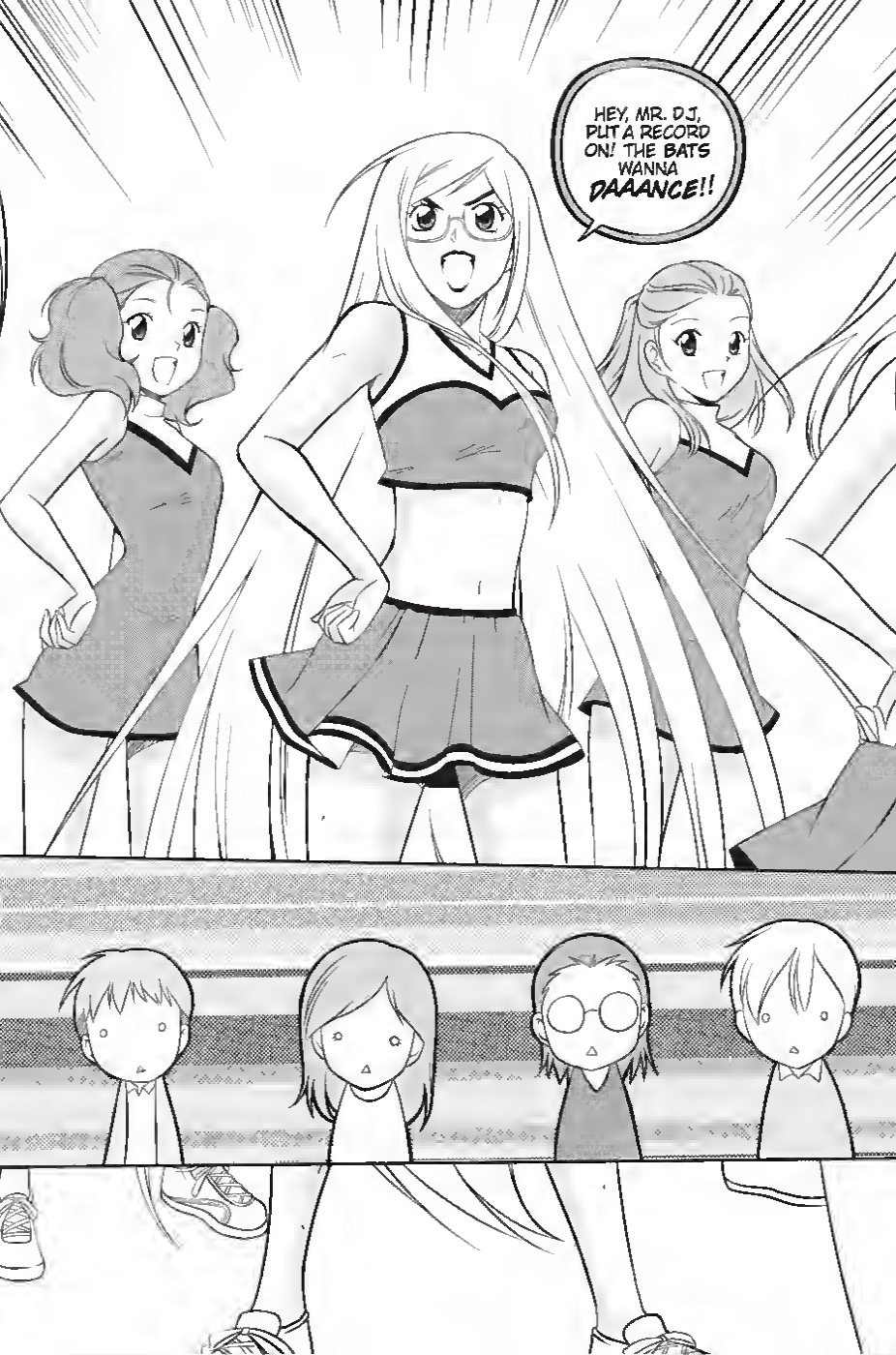
AH!
RUINED THE TAN I'VE WORKED TO MAINTAIN FOR WEEKS!
GRAB
AND MADE ME MISS THE BIGGEST CHEERLEADING COMPETITION OF THE DECADE!!
SPLASH
PLEASE... DARLING, DON'T KILL ME--!
AND LET YOU EAT ME?! FORGET IT!
BUT I- I CAN MAKE YOU HUMAN AGAIN!
MY- MY BLOOD CAN CURE YOU--!

SNAP
TO BITCHES LIKE YOU!
I LIKE BEING A VAMPIRE, SO I CAN DO THIS...
YOU REALLY DON'T GET IT. I DON'T WANNA BE HUMAN.

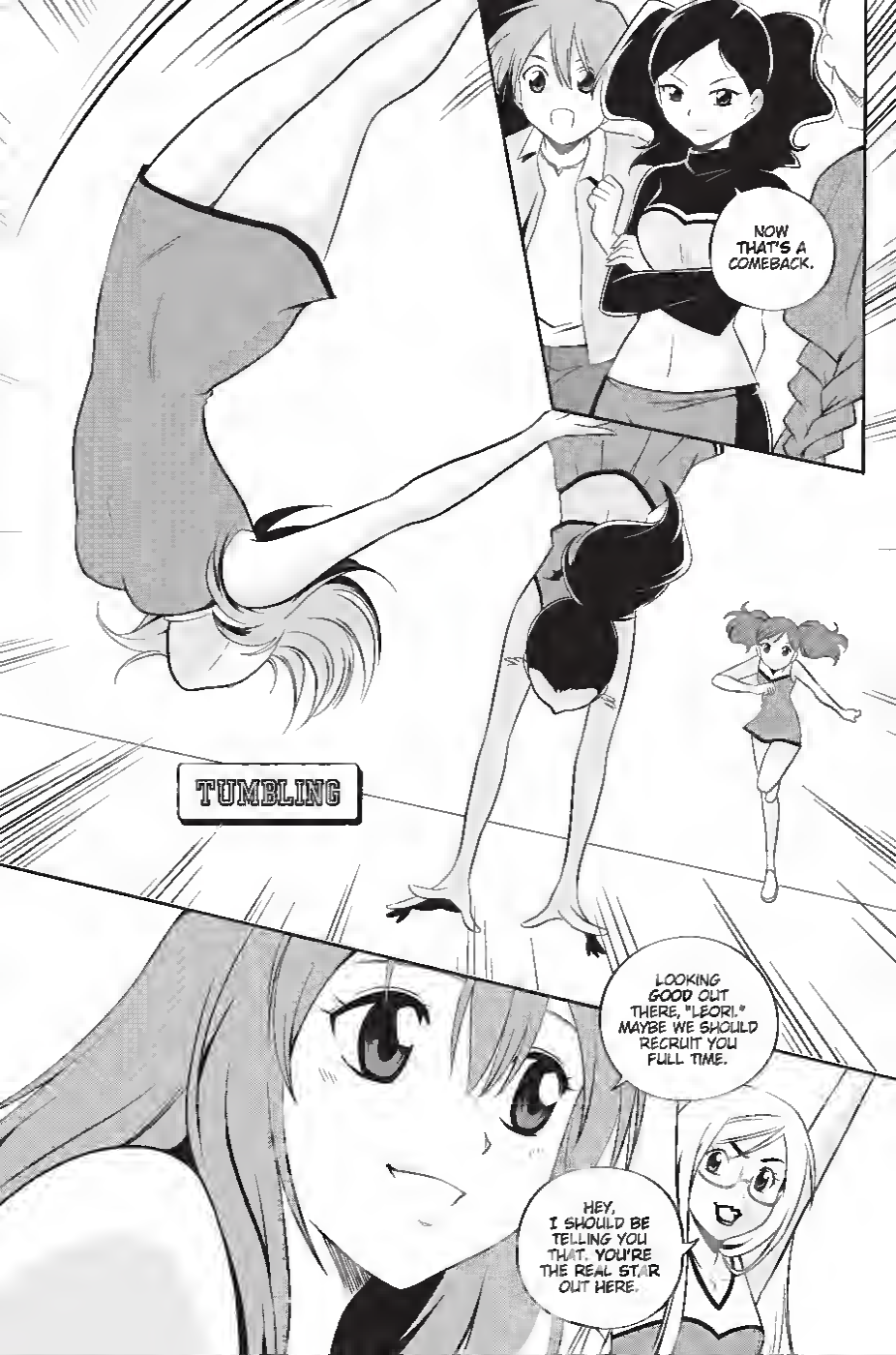
BAKERTOWN. TWO MINUTES!
HERE, USE MINE.
PERFECT! THANKS, CHARLENE!
SHOOT! ANYONE GOT THEIR RED LIPSTICK?
I SWORE I HAD MINE IN MY BAG.
HEY, WHERE'S MISS MATHERS?
DUNNO. DIDN'T SHOW UP.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ARE YOU READY FOR SOME CHEER-LEADING?!

OH, DOODY ON A STICK...
LET ME GET CARMELA DOWN HERE.
TYPICAL HOLLYWOOD STARLET FOR YA.
ELLE MATHERS
WE'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT.
THINK WE CAN REALLY PULL THIS OFF?
ANYONE GETTING THE FEELING THIS IS GONNA BE THE LONGEST TWO MINUTES AND THIRTY SECONDS OF OUR VERY LONG LIVES?
UH, YEAH. BELAY THAT.
ALL RIGHT, NOBODY VOMIT, TRIP, OR HAVE UN-CONTROLLABLE DIARRHEA
BAKER-TOWN, TEN SECONDS!
YEEEAH!!!
LET'S JUST GO OUT THERE AND SHOW THESE PEOPLE WHAT PURPLE & BLACK CAN DO!


IN OUR SMALL VARSITY DIVISION, WE HAVE OUR FIRST TEAM OF THE DAY!
FROM BAKERTOWN, COLORADO, PLEASE WELCOME THE BATS OF... BAKERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL!!
GO, BAKERTOWN!
YEEEAH! YEAAAH!!
VICTO-RYEEE!!
WHISPER
FINGERS CROSSED, GUYS.. FINGERS CROSSED.


HEY, MR. DJ, PUT A RECORD ON! THE BATS WANNA DAAANCE!!

TOE TOUCHES
HIGH TORCH

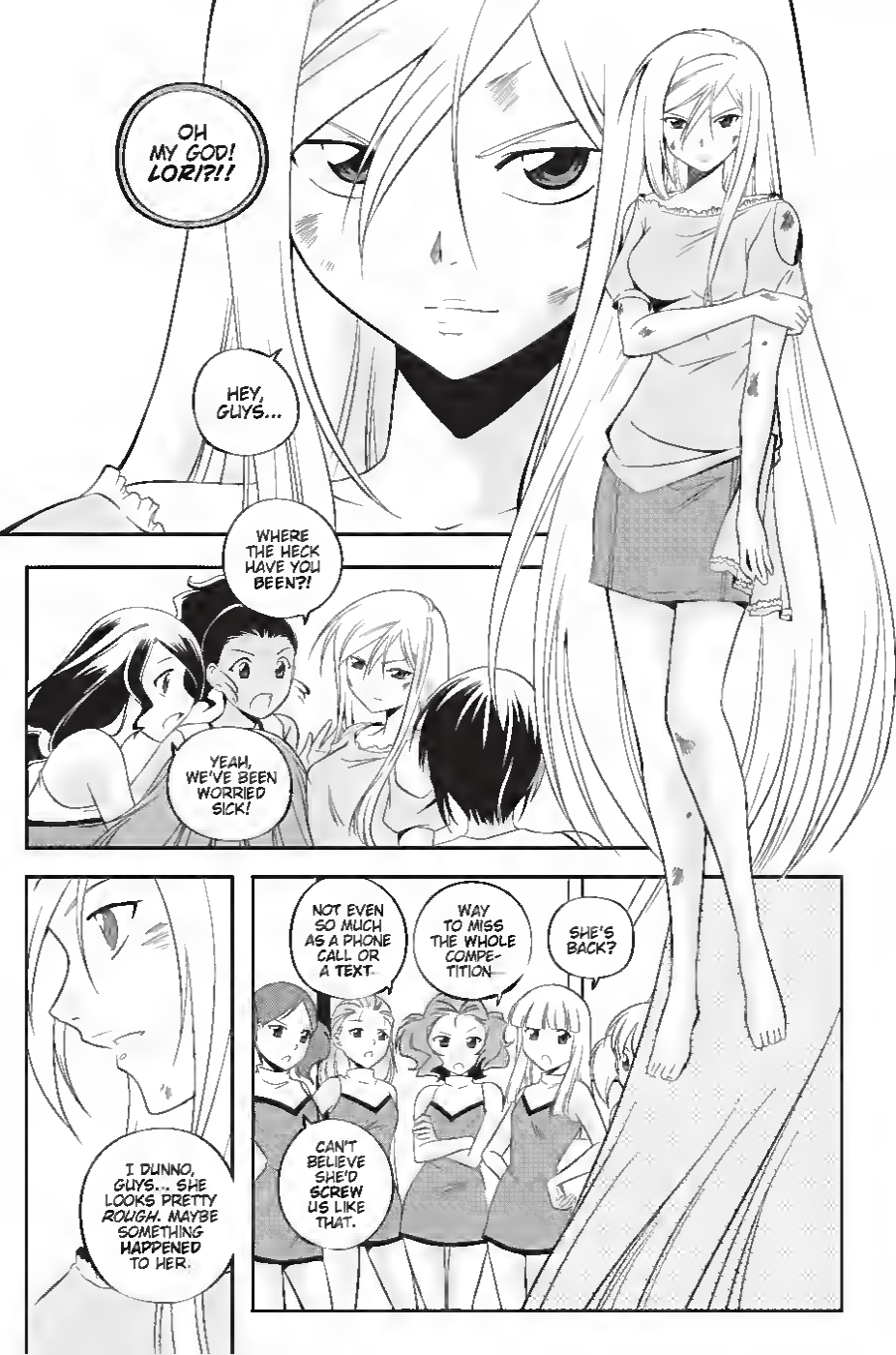

NOW THAT'S A COMEBACK.
TUMBLING
LOOKING GOOD OUT THERE, "LEORI." MAYBE WE SHOULD RECRUIT YOU FULL TIME.
HEY, I SHOULD BE TELLING YOU THAT. YOU'RE THE REAL STAR OUT HERE.

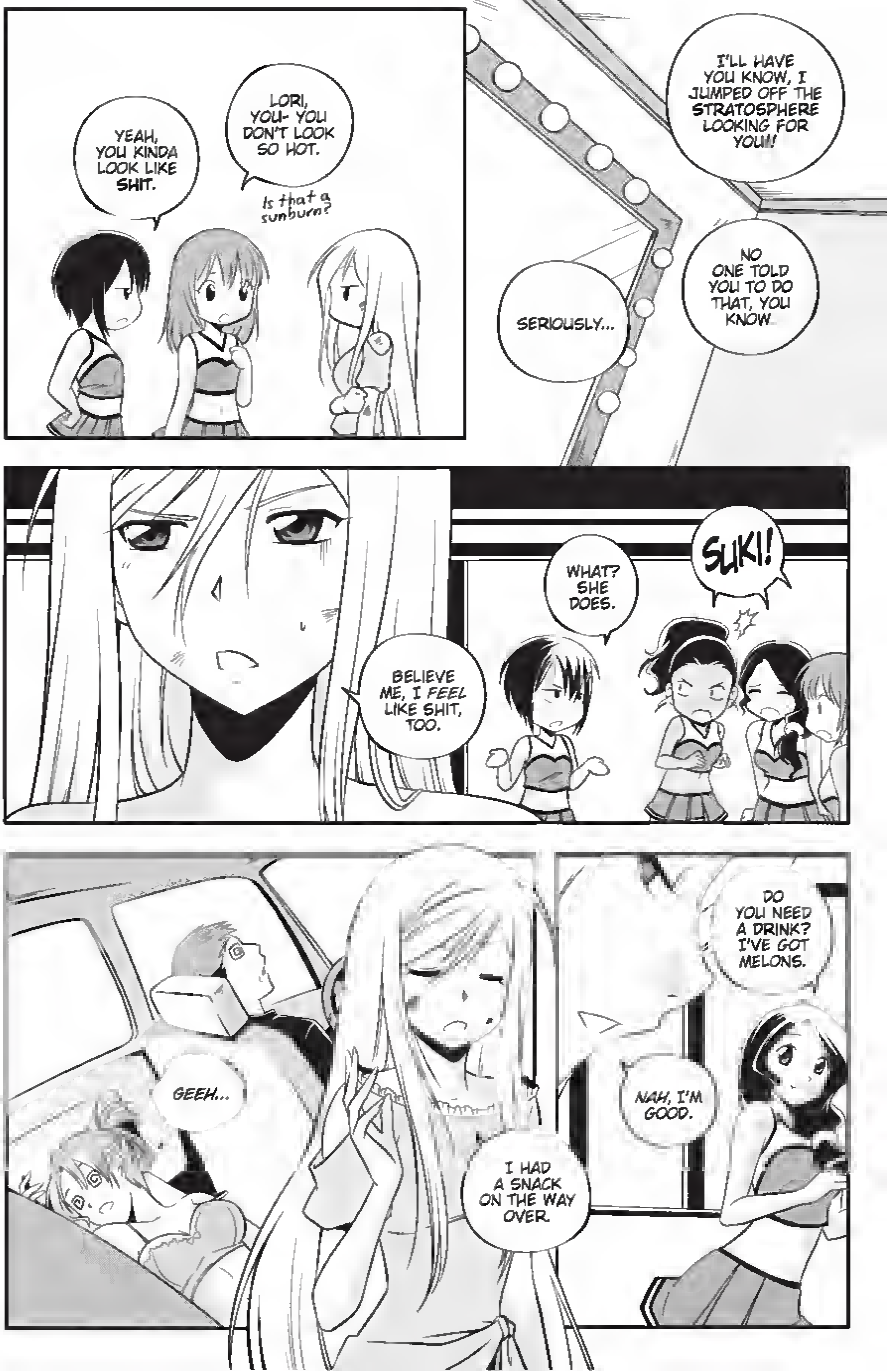
X-OUT FULL BASKET TOSS
(AKA THE "X-FULL")
OH, VERY NICE!
MM.
GOOD SAFETY.
WHO ARE WE?! BAKERTOWN! BATS!!
SHOUT IT OUT! BAKERTOWN! BATS!!
BATS

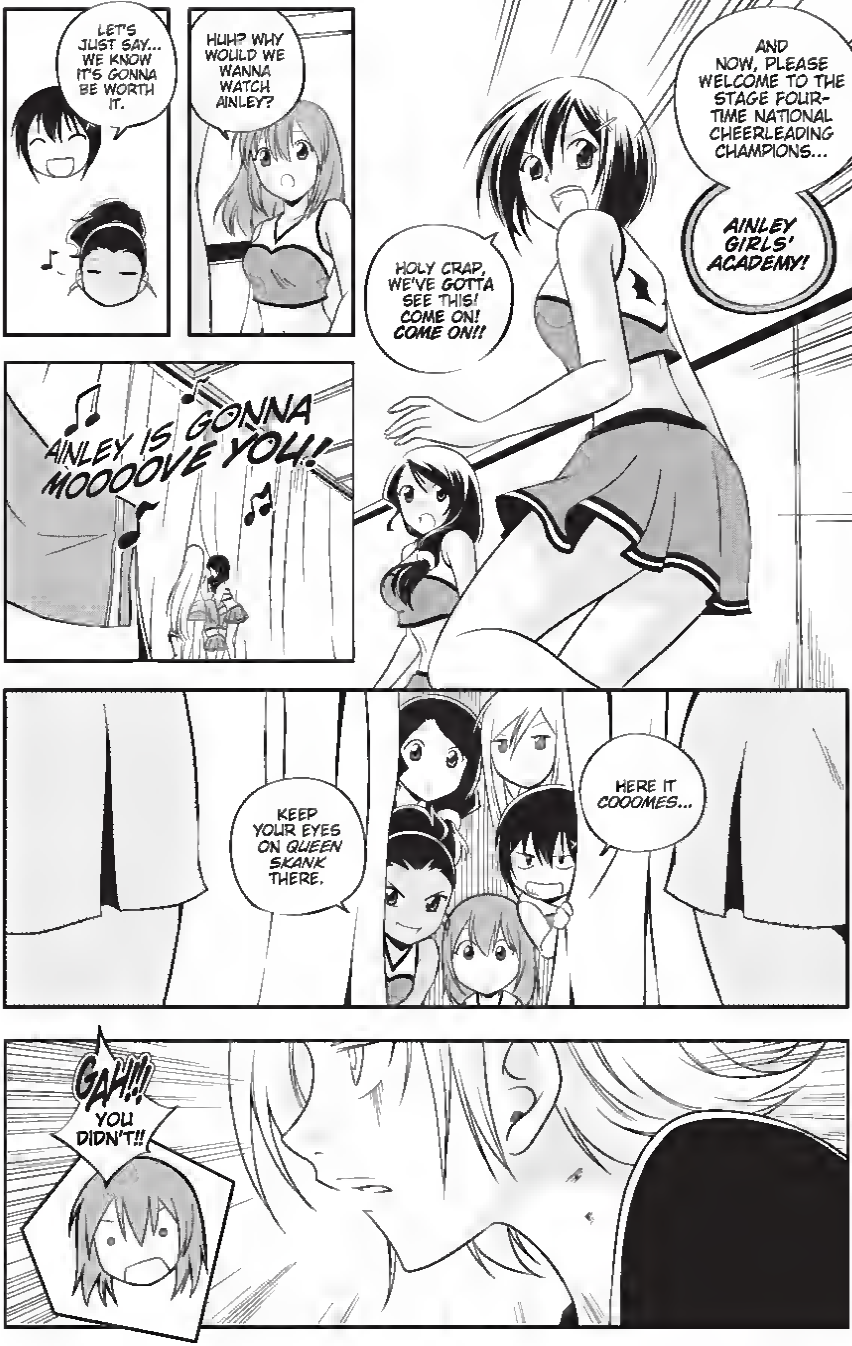
B A T S
WHY ARE WE HERE?! TO FIGHT FIGHT FIGHT! WITH ALL OUR MIGHT!
WHAT DO BATS DO?! TAKE FLIGHT FLIGHT FLIGHT!! INTO THE NIGHT!!
PURPLE & BLACK! GO, BATS, GO! WE GOT YOUR BACK! GO, BATS, GO!! ONE-TWO-SQUEE...
VICTO-RYEEEE!!

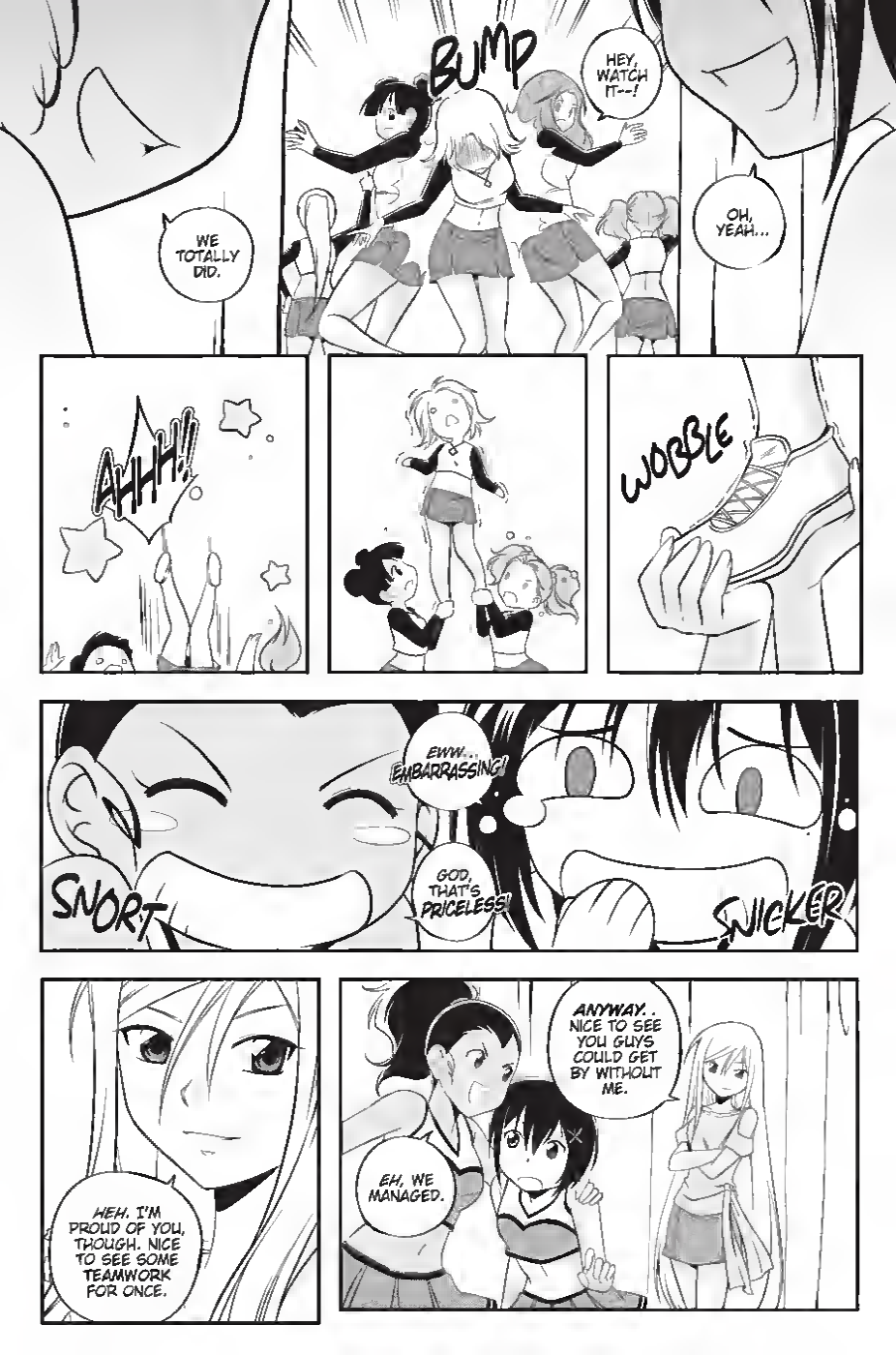
BAKERTOWN!

YEAAAAH!!
THANK YOU, BAKERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL!
WHAT AN AWESOME WAY TO START US OFF THIS MORNING, AM I RIGHT, FOLKS?
YEAAH! GO, BAKERTOWN!! GOOO, BAKERTOWN!!
YEAH, WE SO NAILED IT!
OHMYGOSH! OHMYGOSH! THAT WAS SO AWESOME!!
THUD
Z Z Z
SLEEP, LEONARD.
SNAP
PULL ITS BATTERIES?
UM, ANYONE KNOW HOW TO SHUT "HER" OFF?


OH MY GOD! LORI?!!
HEY, GUYS...
WHERE THE HECK HAVE YOU BEEN?!
YEAH, WE'VE BEEN WORRIED SICK!
I DUNNO, GUYS... SHE LOOKS PRETTY ROUGH. MAYBE SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HER.
NOT EVEN SO MUCH AS A PHONE CALL OR A TEXT.
WAY TO MISS THE WHOLE COMPE-TITION.
SHE'S BACK?
CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'D SCREW US LIKE THAT.


YEAH, YOU KINDA LOOK LIKE SHIT.
LORI, YOU- YOU DON'T LOOK SO HOT.
Is that a sunburn?
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW, I JUMPED OFF THE STRATOSPHERE LOOKING FOR YOU!!
NO ONE TOLD YOU TO DO THAT, YOU KNOW.
SERIOUSLY...
BELIEVE ME, I FEEL LIKE SHIT, TOO.
WHAT? SHE DOES.
SUKI!
DO YOU NEED A DRINK? I'VE GOT MELONS.
NAH, I'M GOOD.
I HAD A SNACK ON THE WAY OVER.
GEEH...


LET'S JUST SAY... WE KNOW IT'S GONNA BE WORTH IT.
HUH? WHY WOULD WE WANNA WATCH AINLEY?
AINLEY IS GONNA MOOOOVE YOU!!
HOLY CRAP, WE'VE GOTTA SEE THIS! COME ON! COME ON!!
AND NOW, PLEASE WELCOME TO THE STAGE FOUR-TIME NATIONAL CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONS...
AINLEY GIRLS' ACADEMY!
KEEP YOUR EYES ON QUEEN SKANK THERE.
HERE IT COOOMES...
GAH!!! YOU DIDN'T!!


BUMP
HEY, WATCH IT--!
WE TOTALLY DID.
OH, YEAH...
AHHH!!
WOBBLE
EWW... EMBARRASSING!
GOD, THAT'S PRICELESS!
SNORT
SNICKER
ANYWAY.. NICE TO SEE YOU GUYS COULD GET BY WITHOUT ME.
EH, WE MANAGED.
HEH. I'M PROUD OF YOU, THOUGH. NICE TO SEE SOME TEAMWORK FOR ONCE.

BY THE WAY, I HAVE TO ASK.. IS THAT MY UNIFORM?
UHH.. YEAH. DO YOU WANT IT BACK?
UH. NO. THAT'S- THAT'S OKAY. HE CAN KEEP IT.
snore
NO AMOUNT OF DRY CLEANING WILL GET THAT MAN-STENCH OUT.
EH HEH..
SO, UM, ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM.. WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
LET'S JUST SAY... WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS, DIES IN VEGAS.

EPILOGUE: MIAMI
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
I SAID I DIDN'T WISH TO BE DISTURBED.
I KNOW, MADAM CRESSIDA. I WOULDN'T DISTURB YOU UNLESS IT WAS DIRE. I... I HAVE BAD NEWS.
SPEAK.
IT'S YOUR SISTER MISS BIANCA... SHE...
SHE'S DEAD.
WHAT?!!

PARANORMAL
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"WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS, DIES IN VEGAS"
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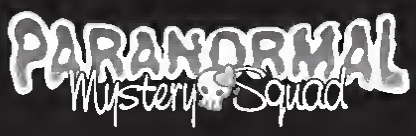
PARANORMAL
Mystery Squad

MR. CHAIRMAN...
BASED ON EVERYTHING WE HAVE PRESENTED HERE TODAY...
THE PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF MONSTERS WOULD LIKE TO URGE .
FLOX NEWS
THE MEMBERS OF THIS HEARINGS COMMITTEE...
TO PLACE SEVERE RESTRICTIONS...

AND HER PARANORMAL Mystery Squad
ON THE ACTIVITIES OF STEPHANIE KANE...
WHAT?!
YES, MR. LOMAX, IT IS CLEAR SOME FORM OF RESTRICTIONS ARE IN ORDER HERE
IN LIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE PROVIDED BY MR. SUMMERFIELD...
THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT DENY THAT. THAT SAID...
THAT THE PARANORMAL MYSTERY SQUAD ACTED IN SELF-DEFENSE DURING THE MARSHALL SUITES INCIDENT...
THIS COMMITTEE IS WILLING TO GRANT SOME DEGREE OF LENIENCY.

!?!
HOWEVER...
PHEW
THIS COMMITTEE SIMPLY CANNOT CONDONE ALL OF PARANORMAL MYSTERY SQUAD'S ACTIONS
MISS KANE, YOUR TEAM'S CRUEL CRYTPID HUNTING METHODS CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
FOR THIS REASON, THIS COMMITTEE IS GOING TO AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING REPRIMAND DETAILED IN PETM'S PROPOSAL.
MISS KANE, YOUR JIAN IS TO BE HEREBY "PEACE BONDED" BY MAGIC, DISALLOWING *YOUR* USE OF IT TO HARM ***ANY*** LIVING CREATURE.
SHA-SHAAK
WHAT?! HOW AM I GOING TO WORK?!

2000HRS
TWO THOUSAND HOURS?!
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!!
YOUR WEAPON WILL BE UNLOCKED ONCE YOU AND YOUR TEAM HAVE COMPLETED, TO OUR SATISFACTION ..
TWO THOUSAND HOURS OF PETM-APPROVED OUTREACH AND SERVICE.
NOW IN LIGHT OF THIS DECISION, MISS KANE, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO SAY TO THIS COMMITTEE?
GIVEN YOUR HISTORY, THE CONSEQUENCES COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE.
I THINK THIS IS QUITE GENEROUS, MISS KANE.
FLICK
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SAID THAT.
SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME.
KATIE, WILL YOU HURRY IT UP?!
IF WE DON'T GET ON THE ROAD NOW, WE'RE GONNA MISS CHECK-IN!
MAYBE SO, BUT IT SURE MADE THEM DOUBLE OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE FROM TWO THOUSAND TO FOUR THOUSAND HOURS.

DID YOU CHECK MY OFFICE?!
TOSS
FLING
I CAN'T FIND MY PURSE!
UGH... NO!
BANG
CRASH
SHATTER
?
GRAYSON'S BOOKCAVE
SNATCH
A-HA! I KNEW I LEFT IT SOMEWHERE!

N-NOTHING! UH., JUST TURNED OVER SOME BOXES!!
CRAP...
WHAT WAS THAT?!
WE'VE GOTTA GO OR PETM'S GONNA HAVE MY ASS!!
GOD, JUST LEAVE IT!
...
FREE.
ALL RIGHT, I'M COMING! I'M COMING!
UGH, LOOK AT ALL THIS DIRT. MY PURSE'S FILTHY!
PAT PAT

SAVE OUR CRYPTIDS!
SAVE OUR CRYPTIDS!
DON, WE'RE LIVE AT THE PLAZA HOTEL AND CASINO FOR THE 2012 LAS VEGAS PARANORMAL CONVENTION--
"PARACON" AS THE LOCALS AFFECTIONATELY CALL IT--WHERE, MOMENTS FROM NOW..
STEPHANIE KANE AND THE REST OF THE PARANORMAL MYSTERY SQUAD WILL BE ARRIVING ..
FOR THE FIRST OF MANY NATIONWIDE APPEARANCES THAT THEY'LL BE MAKING AS PART OF THE TERMS OF THEIR PROBATION.
BINGO
24/7
SAVE OUR CRYPTIDS
VAMPIRES HAVE RIGHTS
P.M.S.
FOX NEWS
We ♥ Bigfoot
DON, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE CLOSER TO SEE IF WE CAN GET A WORD IN.
--AND I'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT THEY'RE ARRIVING NOW.
FOX NEWS

AH, NEVADA. LAND OF LEISURE--
SPLAT
GREAT. JUST WHAT WE NEED... MONSTER HUGGERS.
Blazing Man
Blaz
01 DAYS TO GO!
GET THEM!
RUN FOR IT!!
MY HOW THE TABLES HAVE TURNED..

MISS KANE! MISS KANE!
KATIE, YOU AND J.C. ASIDE, OF COURSE, EH HEH...
GLARE
UH...!
MY GOD, WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT PEOPLE WOULD CARE SO MUCH ABOUT SOME STUPID ANIMALS.
Huff huff!
TANA MONTGOMERY, FLOX NEWS!
SMOOSH
MANY OF THE PROTESTORS HERE TODAY BELIEVE THAT THE HEARINGS COMMITTEE WAS TOO LENIENT.
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO SAY TO YOUR DETRACTORS?
WHY, YES, TANA.
IN THE EVENT OF A ZOMBIE OUTBREAK...
THEY SHOULD NEVER, EVER USE FIRE. FIRE IS VERY, VERY BAD.
DECAPITATION AND/OR A DIRECT BLOW TO THE BRAIN IS ALWAYS BEST. GET THE HEAD...

POW! IT'S DEAD.
UH... Y-YES.
BACK TO YOU, DON.
STEPHANIE?! WHAT WAS THAT?!
?
LOVE 4 CRYPTIDS
AVE TIDS!
OH, BROTHER...
YEAH, DID YOU HAFTA EGG THEM ON?!
UH, YEAH... I'M PRETTY SURE I'M IN THE SAME BOAT AS YOU ARE.
OH, WAS THAT A "WE" I HEARD?
VERY MUCH ON MS. O'KEEFFE'S SHIT LIST RIGHT NOW.
THEY'LL BE THE ONES BEGGING US FOR HELP.
HEY, JUST WAIT, WHEN THE WORLD GOES ALL DAWN OF THE DEAD...
WOULD YOU QUIT BEING LIKE THAT? C'MON, WE'VE JUST GOTTA GET THROUGH THIS.

PARACON 2012
THERE'S A FOOD STAND OVER THERE HELP YOURSELF.
SIGH. WE'VE GOTTA WAIT FOR THE CON ORGANIZER.
AREN'T ALL THESE CASINOS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A BUFFET?!
I'M STARVING!
SNACK BOOTH
JUICE and
The Reptilian Menace
IT'S A CONVENTION. WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? YOU'VE BEEN TO HATSU-CON ENOUGH.
PAY UP OR STARVE.
IT'S, LIKE, FIVE DOLLARS JUST FOR A COOKIE!
AWW, THAT STUFF'S ALL EXPENSIVE
THE NEW MONKSHOOD EPI SHOTS STILL GIVING YOU AN INCREASED APPETITE?
YEAH, THEY'VE HELPED WITH MY FURRY SITUATION
BUT I SWEAR I'VE GAINED, LIKE, TEN POUNDS SINCE PETM PUT ME ON 'EM.
MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T BE EATING THAT THEN.
YEAH, I- I DO HERE
WAIT, I THINK I'VE GOT A FRUITY OATY BAR IN MY BAG.
OH, COOL. THANKS!
STEPHANIE!!!
YOU MIGHT START BUSTING OUT OF YOUR BLOUSE LIKE CHAR HERE. HEE HEE HEE!
PETM

PARACON
OH! STEPHANIE CRANE, I AM SUCH A HUGE FAN!
I LOVE YOUR WHOLE GOTH LOOK! YOU AND THE PSM'ERS ARE SOOO COOL!!
I'M CASEY. CHIEF CON ORGANIZER.
IT'S BEEN QUITE A BUSY DAY AROUND HERE. ALL THIS PRESS. IT'S THRILLING.
ATTENDANCE IS WAY, WAY UP THIS YEAR, THANKS TO YOU.
NO, WAIT! YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND!
Shoo! Shoo!
YEAH, YEAH. GO AWAY, KID, YOU BOTHER ME.
THE NAME'S "KANE," NOT "CRANE."
BLUUG BLUUG
LET'S GET YOU ALL SET UP, SHALL WE?
CHAR, DO YOU MIND...YOU KNOW?
I DUNNO...
BLEGH! IT'S WARM!

WHAT KATIE SAID...
C'MON, PEER PRESSURE!
SAY, "O SEXY SHIVA, DO YOUR ICY THING."
ALL RIGHT... FINE.
YEAH, PERFECT FOR MAKING SNOW CONES.
SEE, WE TOLD YA YOU'D GET A LOTTA MILEAGE OUTTA THOSE NEW SPELLS YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING!
BUT NOT TOO ICY...
CHK!
POINK
AND THOSE ARE GOOD SNOW CONES, BY THE WAY. WE SHOULD MAKE SOME TONIGHT!
DON'T FORGET RECHARGING BATTERIES WITH YOUR AWESOME NEW LIGHTNING SPELLS.
WHAT GOOD IS THAT OUT IN THE FIELD?
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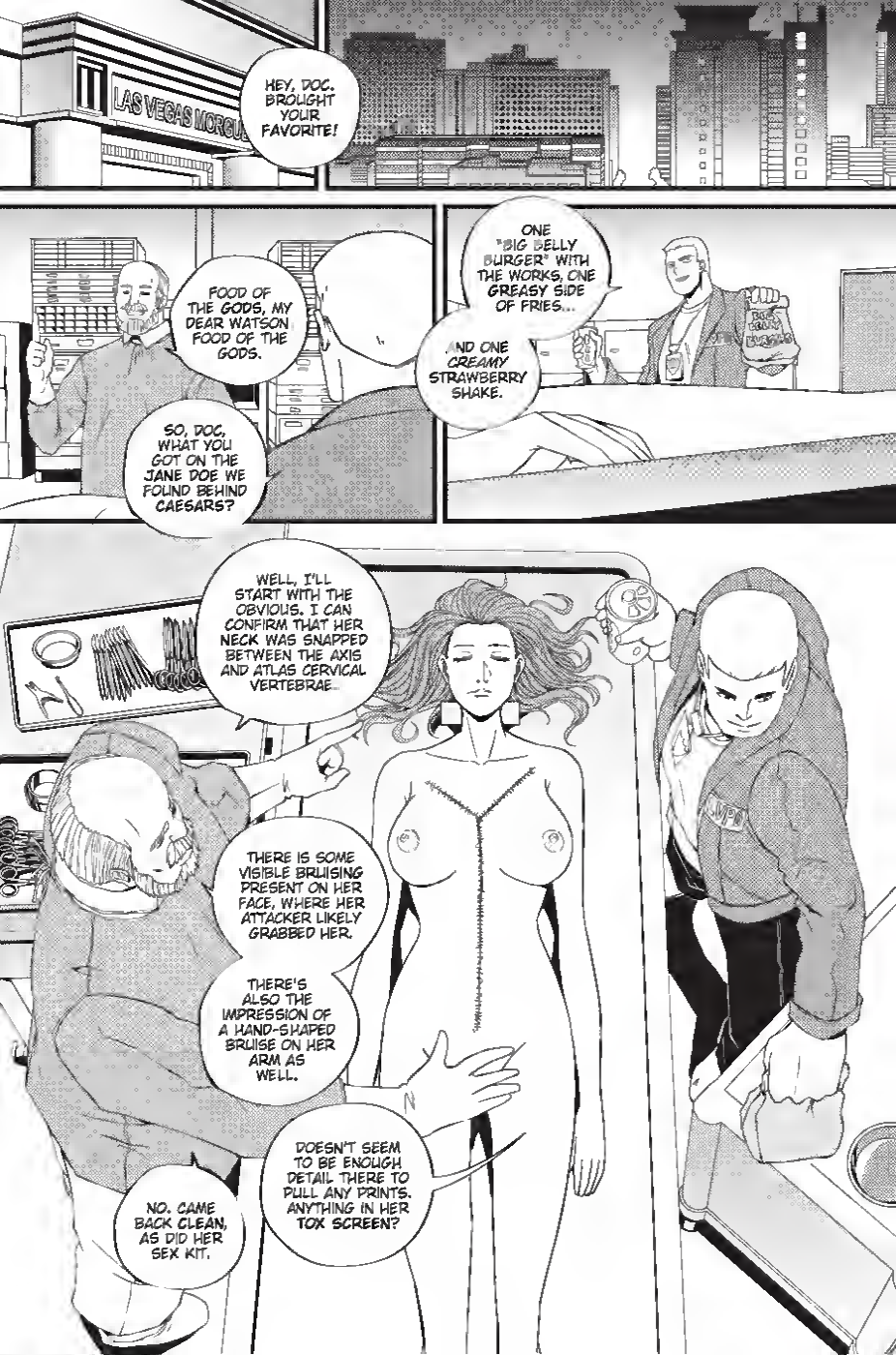
AND.. HERE ARE YOUR CON GUIDES.
PARAGON
PARAGON 2012
CRANE STEPHANIE V.I.P
IT GLOWS IN THE DARK.
AND YOUR ULTRA RARE, CON EXCLUSIVE, GRAY ALIEN BADGE.
OH, RIGHT! YOUR PANEL! IT'S GONNA BE FROM FOUR TO SIX IN BALL-ROOM 13.
THERE'S ALSO ANOTHER Q&A TOMORROW AT NOON, PRESS INTERVIEWS RIGHT AFTER, MASQUERADE JUDGING THAT EVENING.
FLIP FLIP
OH GOD! DON'T DO IT, STEPHANIE! DON'T DO IT!!
YEAH, I- I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT WORKS YOU SHOULD... YOU SHOULD REALLY TALK TO PETM ABOUT THAT.
WE GET TWO HOURS CREDIT TOWARDS OUR PROBATION, RIGHT?
SO, UH, EACH PERSON THAT COMES TO THIS PANEL...
JUST LET IT GO! JUST LET IT GO!!


LAS VEGAS MORGUE
HEY, DOC. BROUGHT YOUR FAVORITE!
ONE "BIG BELLY BURGER" WITH THE WORKS, ONE GREASY SIDE OF FRIES...
AND ONE CREAMY STRAWBERRY SHAKE.
FOOD OF THE GODS, MY DEAR WATSON FOOD OF THE GODS.
SO, DOC, WHAT YOU GOT ON THE JANE DOE WE FOUND BEHIND CAESARS?
WELL, I'LL START WITH THE OBVIOUS. I CAN CONFIRM THAT HER NECK WAS SNAPPED BETWEEN THE AXIS AND ATLAS CERVICAL VERTEBRAE.
THERE IS SOME VISIBLE BRUISING PRESENT ON HER FACE, WHERE HER ATTACKER LIKELY GRABBED HER.
THERE'S ALSO THE IMPRESSION OF A HAND-SHAPED BRUISE ON HER ARM AS WELL.
DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ENOUGH DETAIL THERE TO PULL ANY PRINTS. ANYTHING IN HER TOX SCREEN?
NO. CAME BACK CLEAN, AS DID HER SEX KIT.

CHERRIES. LOTS OF CHERRIES.
I DID FIND SOMETHING RATHER *INTERESTING* IN OUR GIRL'S STOMACH.
THIS VESSEL WILL DO.
SO NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY THEN?
WELL, *FUNNY* YOU SHOULD ASK.
HAAAH!
HM. VERY NICE.
CRACK
P.O.P.
WAGH?!

DON'T LOOK AT ME! THIS ISN'T A PRANK! SHE WAS STONE COLD DEAD WHEN YOU BROUGHT HER--!
WHAT THE HELL, DOC?! THIS AIN'T MY FIRST WEEK!!
NNHH!!
BE SILENT.
GAAHKK?!
KKRRRISHHK
NOW THEN, LET'S SEE WHO ELSE IS ON THE MENU FOR TODAY..
POP
NNH! MUCH BETTER.
OWW. THAT TICKLES.

HEY, THIS IS ALSO WHERE THE "SPIKE OF POWER" WAS IN COOL WORLD. REMEMBER THAT?
UH HUH.
OH, AND THE STAND TOO! STEPHANIE, WE LOVED THAT MINI-SERIES WHEN WE WERE KIDS!
UH HUH.
BIFF TANNEN'S PLEASURE PARADISE WAS RIGHT HERE!
THE PLAZA IS WHERE THEY SHOT ALL THE ALTERNATE 1985 STUFF FOR BACK TO THE FUTURE PART II.
OH YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
UHHHH.
CASINO ~ BINGO 24/7
SHE'S SO OUT OF IT.
WAIT, WHAT?
AHHAHAHA!
YOU KNOW YOU WANNA LET HIM!!
I'D RATHER BE ANALLY PROBED BY AN ALIEN CIRCUS MIDGET FROM SEGONAX
YEAH, THAT'S .. THAT'S QUITE AN IMAGE.
HEY, ZOMBIE BRAINS, J.C. SAYS HE WANTS TO "JUMP YOUR BONES." YOU GONNA LET HIM?
UH HUH.

I'D LIKE A PINK LEMONADE
OH! AND AN APOLLO BAR! AND SOME SKITTLES FOR BABS!
Meep!
CAN YOU GET ME A MOUNTAIN DEW: CODE RED?
SURE.
GUYS, I'M GONNA GO TO THE VENDING MACHINES. YOU NEED ANYTHING?
I'LL GET YOU SOMETHING ANYWAY. BE BACK IN A FEW
STEPH, WANT ANYTHING?
HRMPH.
HM?
SOME... BODY...
KA-CHUNK
pepsi

WHAT THE--?
HELLO? IS SOMEBODY IN HERE?
STAFF ONLY
PLEASE... H-HELP ME...
AAANH--!
WELL NOW, A DHAMPIR.
HELP ME...
A LITTLE YOUNG AND SOUR...
BUT A RICH TASTE NEVERTHELESS. I CAN SAVOR YOU FOR DAYS TO COME.
UNNH...

WHO ORDERED A PIZZA?
OOO, PIZZA! I GOT IT!!
1013
KNOCK KNOCK
PIZZA DELIVERY!
TWING
ONE MEDIUM DHAMPIR, EXTRA SAUCE
KATIE, WAIT--!
EH?

THANKS FOR LETTING ME OUT...
WOLF GIRL.
THOUGHT I'D SETTLE...
AN OLD SCORE.
FLICK

OH FRELL--!
KATIE!!
BNAAAGH!
CROOSH
NH...
MEEP! MEEP! MEEP!

I EXPECTED SO MUCH MORE OF A FIGHT FROM THE OFFSPRING OF THE LATE, GREAT SHELDON AND MARY KANE.
UNNH...
REALLY NOW.
ST-STAY BACK!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!!
STRIKE, LIGHTNING, AND LET THY AIM BE TRUE!
HEH HEH HEH.

REFLECT.
NOT THAT YOU COULD HOPE TO TOUCH ME. I'VE BEEN FEEDING ALL DAY.
ELEMENTAL MAGICK, SO EASILY COUNTERED.
WHAT. WHAT ARE YOU?
OH, I HAVE MANY NAMES, MOST IN DEAD LANGUAGES YOU'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF.
"LITA" WILL DO.
BUT, YOU...YOU, MAY CALL ME "MISTRESS."
AAAARGH!

REMEMBER.
CHARLOTTE ROTH OF EARTH...
?!
HAAH!
THERE IT IS!
I'VE GOT IT!!

FLOOP
FLOOP
NO! IT'S MINE!!
YAHH!!
WHA...?
FRET NOT FOR ME, CHARLOTTE ROTH OF EARTH.
DAMMIT! THERE GOES MY PRIZE.
SPRICK
C'MON, ROTH. MISTRESS LITA AWAITS.
AWW, I'M SURE THERE'LL BE OTHERS
DON'T START WITH ME ROTH, YOU GOOD?
UH, Y-YEAH I- I THINK.

WHERE- WHERE ARE WE?
WHAT A STRANGE QUESTION.
DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD?
WAIT. KATIE, YOU'RE ALL FURRY!
I- I DON'T KNOW. I--
UH, WHY WOULDN'T I BE, C-GIRL? FUR'S MY LOOK.
YEAH, YOU'RE DEFINITELY ACTING A LITTLE WEIRD, EVEN FOR A HIGH PRIESTESS LIKE YOU.
I... UH, MAYBE I'M JUST A LITTLE OUT OF IT TODAY.
YEAH, ROTH. LITTLE SIS'S ALWAYS GOT HER FUZZ BUZZ ON.

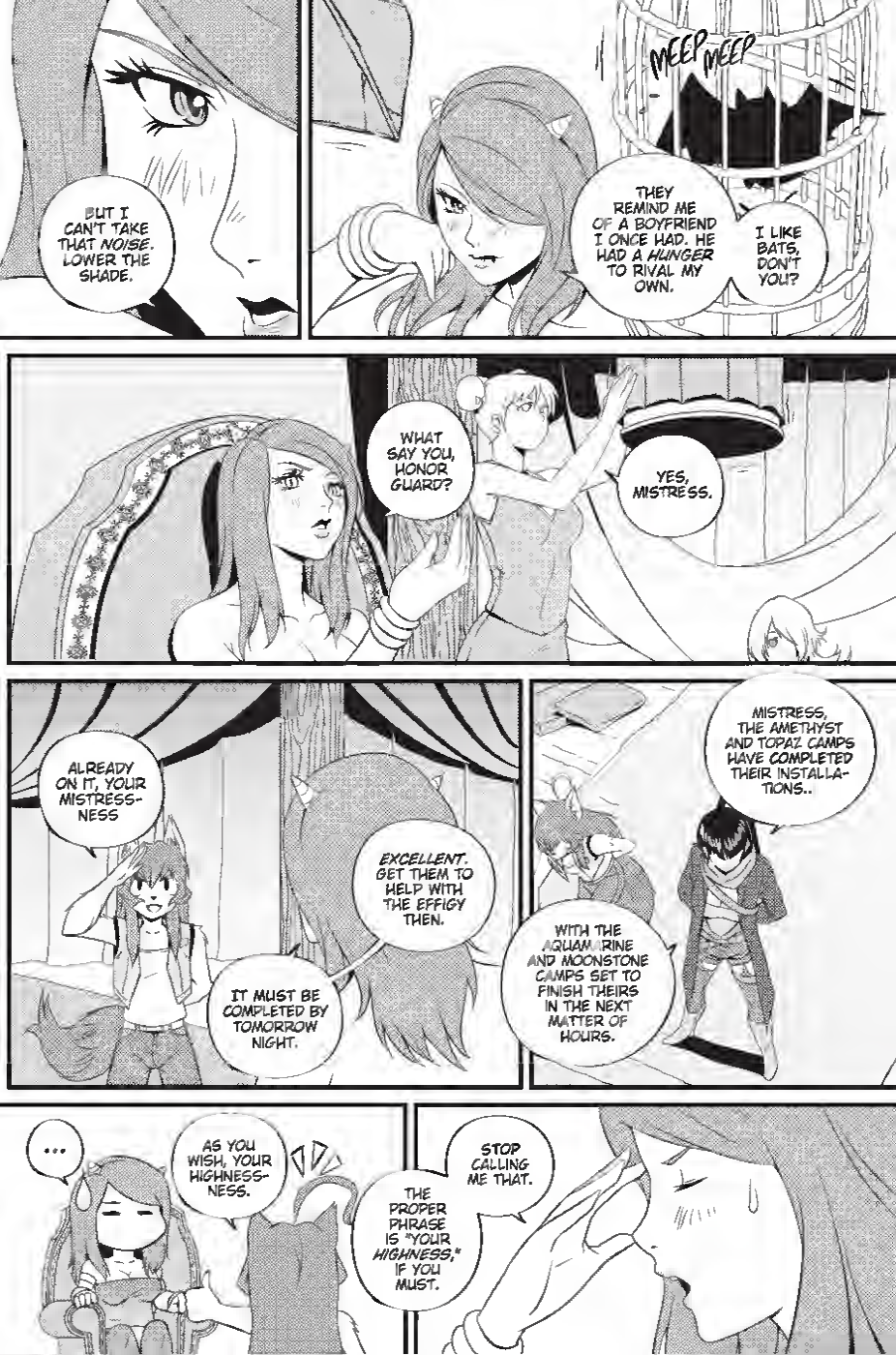
OH MY GODDESS.
WELL, ROTH, JUST TO SET YOUR MIND AT EASE...
WE'RE HOME SWEET HOME.
BLAZING MAN.

Woohoo!
GOOD DAY.
GOOD DAY TO YOU.
INDEED.
NICE WEATHER WE'RE HAVING.
AH--! I KNOW HER...
WE'RE HERE.
HA HA! OF COURSE YOU DO, C-GIRL. WE'RE ALL ONE BIG, HAPPY FAMILY HERE.
NO, SHE WAS THE--

SAPPHIRE
AMETHYST
BIRTHSTONE PALACE.
WELCOME BACK, HONOR GUARD. THE MISTRESS AWAITS YOUR REPORT.
AND THE MISTRESS SHALL HAVE IT PRAISE LITA.
!
PRAISE LITA!!
SAPPHIRE

J.C.?
LINN...
BABS...?
MEEP MEEP MEEP
MISTRESS.

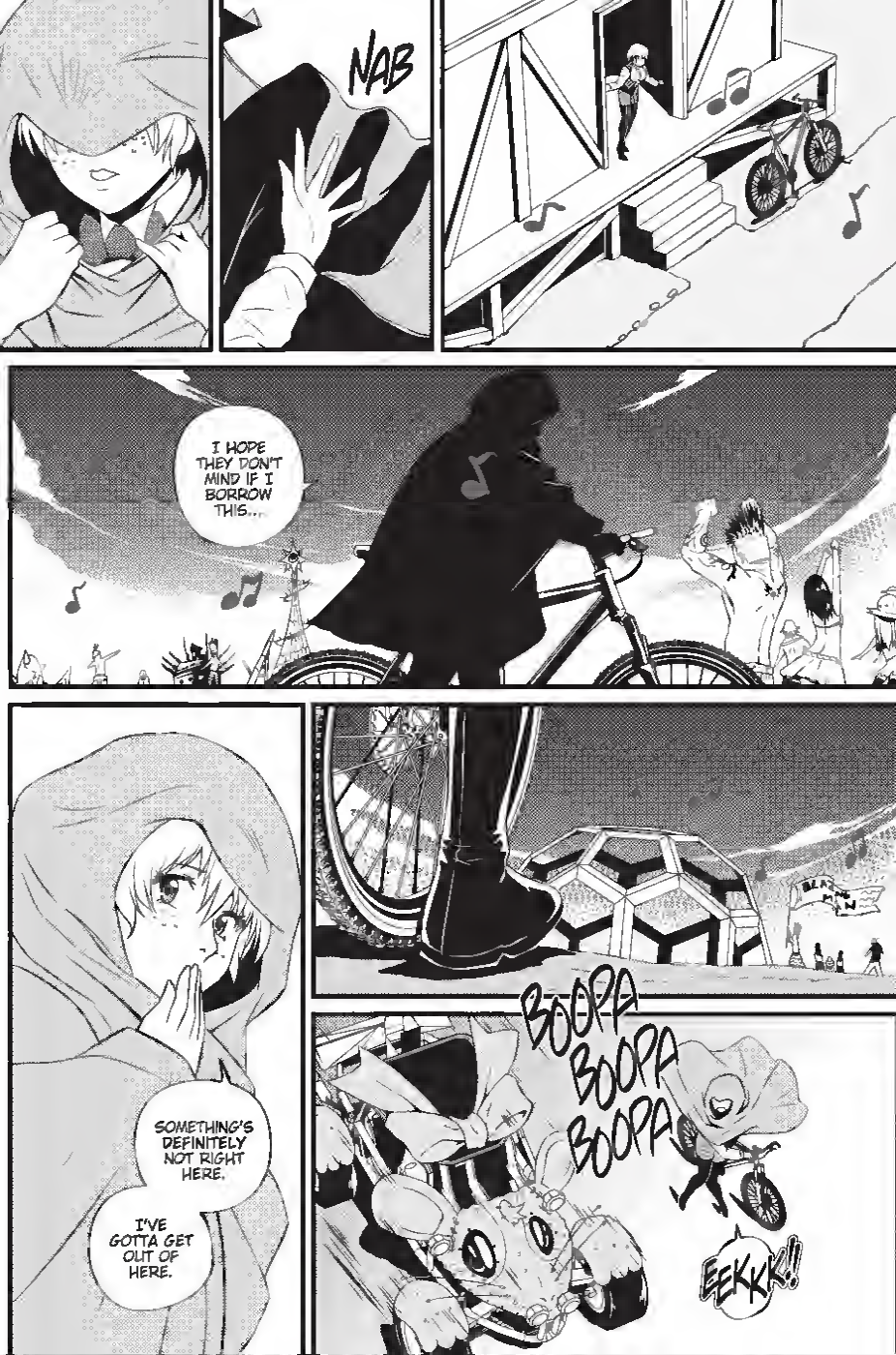
UH...! MISTRESS.
HMN?


BUT I CAN'T TAKE THAT NOISE. LOWER THE SHADE.
MEEP MEEP
THEY REMIND ME OF A BOYFRIEND I ONCE HAD. HE HAD A HUNGER TO RIVAL MY OWN.
I LIKE BATS, DON'T YOU?
WHAT SAY YOU, HONOR GUARD?
YES, MISTRESS.
ALREADY ON IT, YOUR MISTRESS-NESS
EXCELLENT. GET THEM TO HELP WITH THE EFFIGY THEN.
IT MUST BE COMPLETED BY TOMORROW NIGHT.
MISTRESS, THE AMETHYST AND TOPAZ CAMPS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR INSTALLA-TIONS..
WITH THE AQUAMARINE AND MOONSTONE CAMPS SET TO FINISH THEIRS IN THE NEXT MATTER OF HOURS.
...
AS YOU WISH, YOUR HIGHNESS-NESS.
THE PROPER PHRASE IS "YOUR HIGHNESS," IF YOU MUST.
STOP CALLING ME THAT.

I WAS ABLE TO WOUND THE CREATURE, BUT IT FELL TOWARDS THE FORBIDDEN MOUNTAINS BEYOND OUR LANDS.
WHAT DID IT WANT?
UNKNOWN, MISTRESS. ROTH WAS INJURED, THOUGH.
MISTRESS, THERE WAS ALSO SOME TROUBLE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE AMETHYST CAMP.
OH? GO ON.
A WINGED CREATURE ATTACKED ROTH, MISTRESS.
WHATEVER. JUST MAKE SURE THE EFFIGY GETS BUILT.
SHALL WE GO NOW?
IF YOU LIKE.
NO, I, UH... I JUST HIT MY HEAD, M-MISTRESS. IT- IT WAS NOTHING.
OH, MY PET, I ADORE HOW YOU CONTINUE TO CLING TO THE HOPE THAT YOUR FRIENDS WILL BE ABLE TO SAVE YOU.
STE- PHANIE. HELP... ME...
IF I DIDN'T NEED THEM FOR MY PLANS, I WOULD'VE DEFINITELY EATEN THEM BY NOW.
GUH, THAT GAVE ME A MIGRAINE.

MMM...
IT'S ALMOST A SHAME I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP YOU MUCH LONGER.
BUT ALAS, YOU ARE GROWING SO WEAK NOW. I FEAR YOU WON'T KEEP.
UNH..
HUUH!
BESIDES, I WON'T BE NEEDING ANY OF YOU ONCE I'VE FREED THE GREAT ONE.
WHY CAN'T I GET A GOOD MEAL AROUND HERE?!
THAT'S IT. THIS ERA IS DOOMED I'LL SHED NO TEARS OF REMORSE FOR WHAT IS ABOUT TO COME
WE SEEM TO HAVE GONE THROUGH ALL THE VIRGINS. THERE WERE SO FEW TO BEGIN WITH--
UM, MISTRESS... UH, WE...
ATTENDANTS, I'LL TAKE MY MEAL NOW. BRING ME TWO VIRGINS.
CLAP CLAP

CREAK
SNOORE
Zzz
...
GRAAA!
EEP!
HANG IN THERE, GUYS
SNOOOREEE


NAB
I HOPE THEY DON'T MIND IF I BORROW THIS...
SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY NOT RIGHT HERE.
I'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE.
BOOPA BOOPA BOOPA
EEKKK!!

BE SEEING YOU.
RAISE
GOTTA ESCAPE--!
HALT!
DON'T MOVE!!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
CLANK

AGH! OHMYGODDESS!
ENFROST!!
DAAH?
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE OR WE WILL SHOOT!
WAIT. I RECOGNIZE THIS ONE.
AH--! D-DON'T SHOOT! I- I'M SORRY!

Q
J
K
I'M CALLING THIS IN.
THE GENERAL'S ON HIS WAY.
SHE ICED OUR WEAPONS.
SQUAAK
NEGATIVE, NO SIGN OF THE OTHER THREE.
SQUAAK
COPY THAT.
SQUAAK
SQUAAK
THIS IS FITZGERALD, WE'VE GOT CONFIRMATION ON THE QUEEN OF DIAMONDS.
SQUAAK
YEAH, IT'S HER.
GENERAL BRIGGS, SIR!
VRRUMMM

MISS ROTH. WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED?
KLANK
TROUBLE SEEMS TO FOLLOW YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS LIKE FLIES TO *EXCREMENT*.
THAT'S ENOUGH, MS. O'KEEFFE. *I'LL* BE HANDLING THE QUEEN OF DIAMOND'S DEBRIEFING.
GENERAL, THIS IS A SUPERNATURAL MATTER. PETM IS HERE TO ENSURE THAT THE ARMY DOESN'T--
O'KEEFFE, THIS IS A *MILITARY* MATTER..
IF I NEED YOUR INPUT ON HOW TO PROPERLY WASH A DOG...
I'LL ASK FOR IT.
AND I DON'T APPRECIATE YOUR ORGANIZATION *INSINUATING* YOURSELVES INTO THIS OPERATION.

Q-QUARANTINE...?
YOU SEE, YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON TO MAKE IT OUT OF THIS HIPPIE COMMUNE SINCE THE ENTIRE COUNTY WAS PUT UNDER QUARANTINE
MISS ROTH, WE HAVE OURSELVES A BIT OF A QUANDARY HERE.
!!
I- I JUST WOKE UP THIS AFTERNOON. I WAS DRESSED LIKE THIS.
EVERYTHING AROUND ME... MY FRIENDS... IT'S ALL CRAZY!
YOU SEEM GENUINELY SURPRISED BY THIS INFORMATION.
YET YOU WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING TO LEAD A MASS EXODUS OF THE PLAZA HOTEL AND CASINO.
LIKE A BUTTERFLY... OR A BUG.. IT- IT GOT HURT...
THERE WERE VOICES... A WINGED CREATURE, LIKE A...
AND YOU CLAIM YOU WEREN'T AWARE OF THIS?
EVERYONE'S ACTING LIKE THIS MISTRESS LITA PERSON'S THEIR GOD OR SOMETHING
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT LYING? THAT'S A PUNISHABLE OFFENSE, YOU KNOW.

WHAT IS THE LAST THING YOU REMEMBER BEFORE WAKING UP HERE?
LET'S STAY ON POINT.
I KNOW WHAT I SAW! IT WAS *RIGHT* THERE. STEPHANIE HIT IT! IT FELL TO THE MOUNTAINS BACK THAT WAY!!
I...I DON'T DO *DRUGS!* I'VE NEVER EVEN SMOKED A CIGARETTE BEFORE!!
MISS ROTH, TODAY IS NOT SUNDAY..
IT'S ALL A BLANK.
HOW I GOT HERE OR WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY.
Y-YES... I DON'T... I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ELSE AFTER THAT.
THE 25TH?
IT WAS SATURDAY NIGHT. WE WERE ALL IN OUR HOTEL ROOM, AND WE WERE ATTACKED--
LIEUTENANT. PLEASE QUEUE UP THE VIDEO.
AND AS I SAID, YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON WE'VE SEEN EXIT THE QUARANTINE ZONE IN ALL THIS TIME.
IT'S TUESDAY THE 28TH.

WE'RE NOW CROSSING INTO THE RESTRICTED AREA.
FIELD LEADER, THIS IS MESA VERDE...
YES, GENERAL BRIGGS, SIR.
CLICK
UH--!
JENKINS! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!!
JENKINS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! PICK UP YOUR WEAP--
THUMP
MESA VERDE, DO YOU COPY?!
AS FAR AS WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN...
FREEBIRD!!
MESA VERDE?
YEAAAAH!!

NOW, MISS ROTH...
SIR.
THANK YOU, LIEUTENANT.
IT'S LIKE A... LIKE A SPHERE OF INFLUENCE. ONCE YOU CROSS IT, IT'S GOT YOU.
THE AFFECTED AREA ONLY EXTENDS AS FAR AS THE OUTER EDGE OF BLAZING MAN.
IT'S A SATELLITE PICTURE OF THE ARE, COURTESY OF CTU.
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
UM, WH-WHY IS THAT...?
YOU ARE IN A VERY SPECIAL POSITION HERE.
SHF
TAKE SPECIAL NOTICE OF THE PATTERN THE ROADS MAKE. OUR ANALYST BELIEVE IT'S--

A MAGIC CIRCLE!
GENERAL BRIGGS! WHY WASN'T I INFORMED OF ANY OF THIS?!
YOU HAVE A LEGAL OBLIGATION TO KEEP MY ORGANIZATION INFORMED REGARDING ANY AND ALL CRYPTID OR PARANORMAL ACTIVITY.
I'LL BE SURE TO HAVE ONE OF MY LIEUTENANTS LOG EVERY TIME ONE OF MY MEN BLOWS HIS NOSE OR HAS A BOWEL MOVEMENT, WHILE WE'RE AT IT.
NOW, MISS ROTH, WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION TAKING PLACE AT THE CENTER OF THE ENCAMPMENT?
HMPH!
THEY'RE BUILDING SOME KIND OF...EFFIGY.
NOT THE NORMAL TYPE OF CENTERPIECE THEY BURN AT BLAZING MAN EITHER
THIS ONE'S DIFFERENT. LIKE A--
OH MY GODDESS!
GENERAL, IT'S THE TERM THAT SOME OCCULT CIRCLES USE WHEN REFERRING TO THE EXTRA DAY IN FEBRUARY DURING LEAP YEAR.
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE OF MYSTICAL IMPORTANCE.
OF COURSE... "THE DAY OF CONJURING."
THE WHAT?
WHAT'S TOMORROW'S DATE?!
FEBRUARY 29TH. WHY?

SO WE HAVE THIS BIG HOCUS POCUS WMD BEING SET OFF IN THE DESERT.
IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE! LITA IS PLANNING SOMETHING BIG.
AND IT'S ALL GOING TO GO DOWN TOMORROW...AT NIGHTFALL!
YOU SEE, THIS IS WHY ME AND MY ORGANIZATION ARE INSTRUMENTAL--
YOU CAN'T DO THAT! YOU'D BE KILLING AN INNOCENT CRYPTID!
UM, WHAT ABOUT ALL THE HUMANS...?
WITH THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT NEVADANS AT RISK, NOT TO MENTION THE ENTIRE CITY OF LAS VEGAS ..
WHAT?!!
I SEE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO BOMB THE ENTIRE COMMUNE TO KINGDOM COME.
MY MEN CAN'T GET IN THERE. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY. I LOVE THE SMELL OF--
THERE HAS TO BE SOME OTHER WAY!
WAIT! I'LL DO IT. I'LL- I'LL GO BACK IN THERE

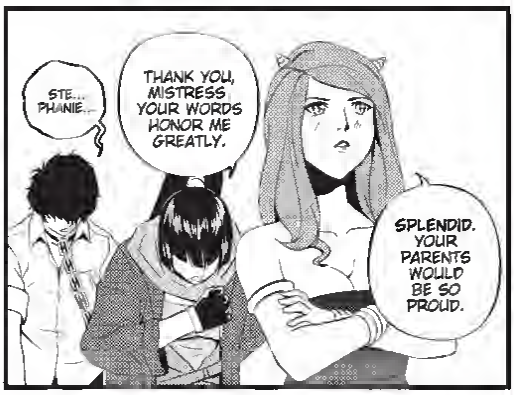
I LIKE THE SPIRIT, MISS ROTH!
SLAP
...
MAYBE I CAN FREE MY FRIENDS OR SOMETHING. FIGURE OUT A WAY TO STOP LITA...
THAT'S NINETEEN-HUNDRED HOURS AND NOT A SECOND MORE.
GOD SPEED, MISS ROTH.
YOU'VE GOT UNTIL NIGHTFALL TOMORROW AND THEN I'M CALLIN' IN AN AIR STRIKE.
YOU'RE A TRUE AMERICAN.
REMEMBER, MISS ROTH... NONLETHAL MEANS *NONLETHAL!*
NOD

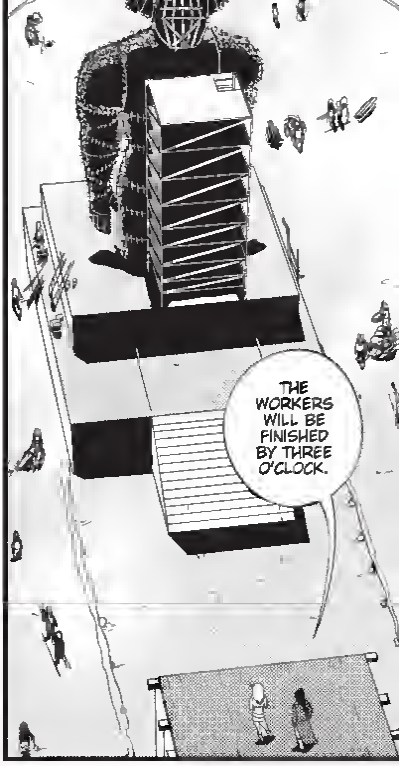
RUMMAGE RUMMAGE
KATIE! UH, I- I WAS JUST--
HAH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DON'T TRY TO PLAY IT OFF, C-GIRL. YOU'VE BEEN ACTING BIZARRO ALL DAY.
AND NOW I FIND YOU HERE. IN THIS... UM, WHAT IS THIS EXACTLY?
WHEW! FOUND 'EM!
MUNH? YOU WANNA BAGEL?
KATIE, YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE IT? IT'S OUR WINNEBAGO!

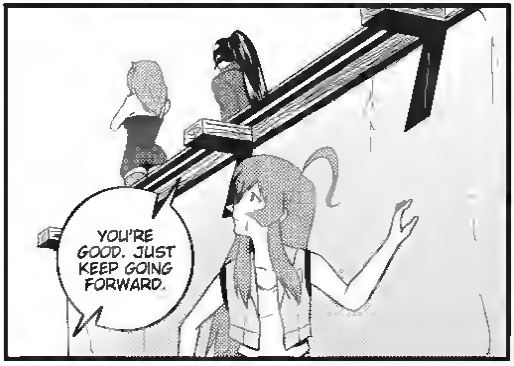
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THE REAL CHARLOTTE?
I AM THE REAL CHARLOTTE!
NO, WINNEBAGO! YOU KNOW, THE "WINNIE"? THIS IS STEPHANIE'S BABY.
WE GO EVERYWHERE IN IT
LIAR!
OOF!
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS. YOU'RE JUST SICK IS ALL.
FRAAM
DON'T GIVE ME THAT!
AH--!
IF YOU'RE NOT WITH MISTRESS LITA, THEN YOU'RE AGAINST ALL OF US!!
KATIE, HONEY...! I KNOW THIS ISN'T YOU. YOU'RE JUST UNDER A SPELL!

KATIE--!!
BUT DON'T WORRY, I'M GONNA FIX THAT!
!
MONKSHDDD
NNH!

YOU DON'T BUY BLACK LINGERIE UNLESS YOU WANT SOMEONE TO SEE IT...
HUNH?
THUD
AUGH.. GODDESS, YOU'RE HEAVY.
WAIT... WHA? WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WINNIE?
IT'S A LONG STORY.
NO .. YOUR SISTER'S PROBABLY GOING TO KILL YOU.
SIS IS SO GONNA KILL YOU.


STE... PHANIE...
THANK YOU, MISTRESS. YOUR WORDS HONOR ME GREATLY.
SPLENDID. YOUR PARENTS WOULD BE SO PROUD.

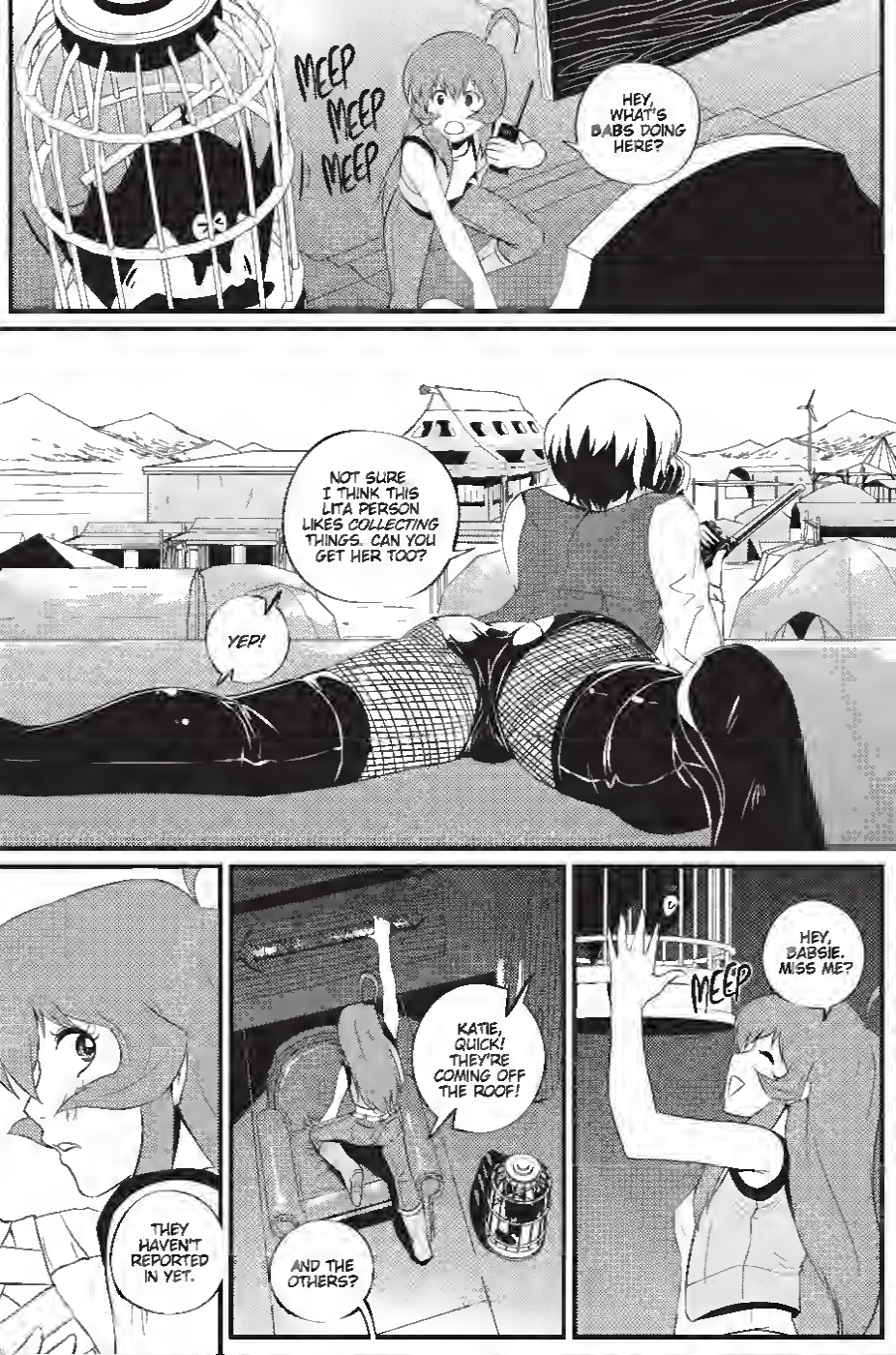

THE WORKERS WILL BE FINISHED BY THREE O'CLOCK.


YOU'RE GOOD. JUST KEEP GOING FORWARD.

YEAH, I- I SEE IT.

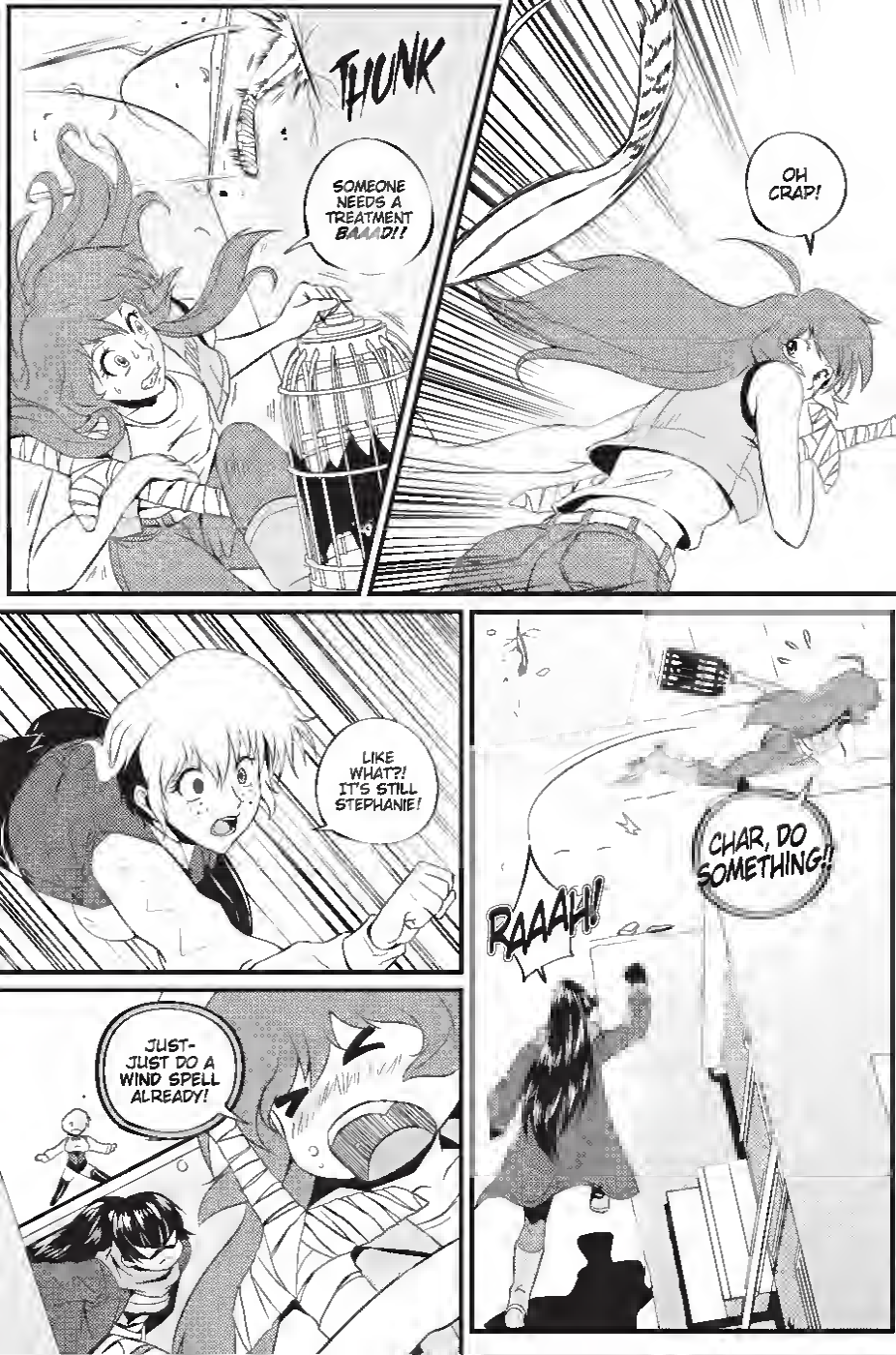
STEPHANIE'S JIAN SHOULD BE RIGHT ABOVE THE THRONE. YOU CAN'T MISS IT.

CREAK
WHOA. YOU WEREN'T KIDDING
THIS PLACE IS NUTS.


MEEP MEEP MEEP
HEY, WHAT'S BABS DOING HERE?
NOT SURE I THINK THIS LITA PERSON LIKES COLLECTING THINGS. CAN YOU GET HER TOO?
YEP!
THEY HAVEN'T REPORTED IN YET.
KATIE, QUICK! THEY'RE COMING OFF THE ROOF!
AND THE OTHERS?
MEEP
HEY, BABSIE. MISS ME?

AS YOU WISH, MISTRESS.
GO LOOK FOR THEM. I'LL OVERSEE THE REST OF THE CONSTRUCTION.
GREAT! NOW GET OUT OF THERE!!
GOT IT.
MEEP!
?
CHAR! COVER BLOWN! COVER BLOWN!!
WHAM
MEEP!
!

WAAAAH!!
THIS ISN'T THE MATRIX!
JUST- JUST RUN!!
GET ME AN EXIT!!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY FROM ME...
TRAITOR!!


THUNK
SOMEONE NEEDS A TREATMENT BAAAD!!
OH CRAP!
LIKE WHAT?! IT'S STILL STEPHANIE!
CHAR, DO SOMETHING!!
RAAAH!
JUST- JUST DO A WIND SPELL ALREADY!

UH... IN SCHALA'S NAME! UM...
WINDARIA SOMETHING, SOMETHING... UH...
OH GODDESS... I'M TOTALLY BLANKING!
MAYBE... MAYBE BACK-WARDS...?
OH NO. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY "WIND" BACKWARDS. UH...
DEE! KNEE! DUBBA-YOU!!

FWWWAAA!!
THUMP
OH WOW!
I- I DID IT!
UH, SIS... GOT- GOT YOUR "PRECIOUS" HERE.
I'LL... I'LL JUST PUT IT UNDER YOUR ARMS.

UNNH.
PLEASE DON'T KILL ME...
AND HERE. TAKE BABS. JUST IN CASE.
BE WELL.
MEEP?
GET YOUR ASS TO MARS!!
BONK
OOWW!!
MEET ME IN MONTALIK!
BONK
OWW!
THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!
BONK
OW!
BONK
BONK
BONK
SORRY...!!
CUT! IT!! OUT!!!
WOULD YOU KINDLY...

LONG STORY.
VERY LONG.
WHAT IN THE NAME OF DAVID BOWIE'S CLOSET ARE YOU TWO WEARING?
OH GOD... WHAT AM I WEARING, FOR THAT MATTER?
I do like your fishnets, though. Those are nice.
THAT FREAKY SKANK THAT KNOCKED ME AROUND IN MY OWN HOTEL ROOM.
UH HUH.
AT LEAST TELL ME IT INVOLVES...
UNACCEPTABLE!
LET'S GO SAVE HIS SORRY ASS!!
AND J.C.?
FOOD SOURCE. PET. LOVE SLAVE. ALL OF THE ABOVE.

YOU KNOW, BACK AT THE OFFICE?
OH CRAP.
YEAH. NOT WHAT I'M REFERRING TO.
UH... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
GEE, I DUNNO... DID ANYTHING HAPPEN TO HAPPEN RIGHT BEFORE WE LEFT?
KATIE, IS THERE SOMETHING YOU FORGOT TO TELL US?
BUT--! I- I ALREADY SAID I WAS SORRY ABOUT THE WINNIE.
THAT- THAT WASN'T MY FAULT!
IT MIGHT'VE GOTTEN BROKEN.
WHAT?!
MOM AND DAD TOLD US TO NEVER, EVER--
YOU BROKE THE URN OF KARTHOS?!
KATIE..
THERE MIGHT'VE BEEN THIS, UM ..URN, AND, UH, IT...
FRAK.

FASTER, ZEPHYR WINDS!
CHAR, WIND SPELL!
KATIE, MORPHIN' TIME!!
TIME FOR PLAN B! CLOCK'S TICKING!
STOP THEM!!
AWWOOO!
CLEAR THE WAY!!
SLASH

UNN.
FWHAM
NNH!
KRISH
DON'T WORRY, STUD MUFFIN. I GOTCHA!
KA... TIE...?
CHARLOTTE!!
UNH! LET ME GO!!
C'MON!

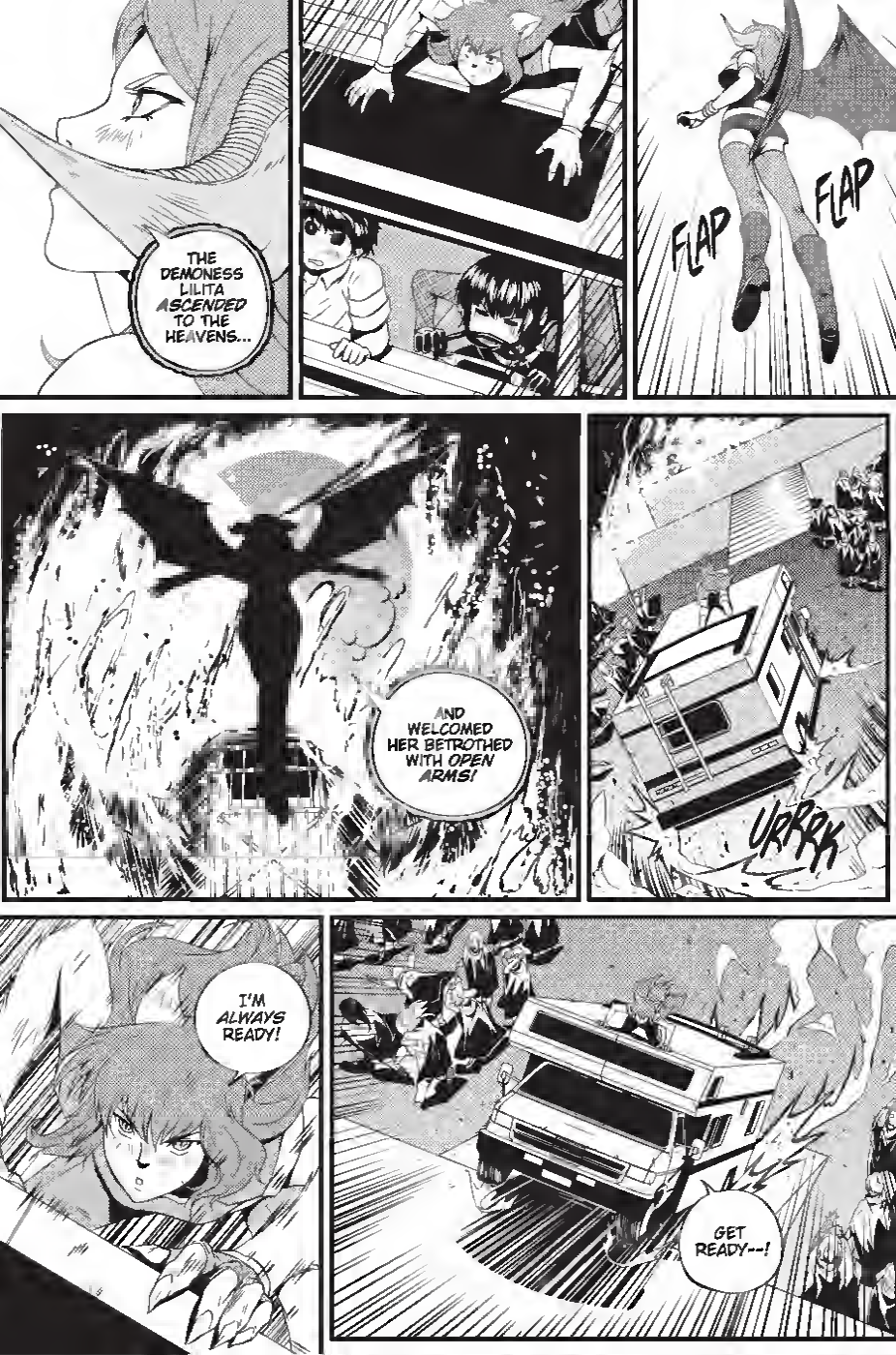
!!!
SILENCIO!
O MIGHTY ISIS--
CONGRATULATIONS, MY LITTLE WICKED WITCH.
YOU'VE JUST BEEN TAPPED TO BE OUR SACRIFICIAL LAMB.
PLACE HER IN THE EFFIGY!
SHIT...! J.C., YOU SO BETTER HAVE BEEN WORTH THIS!!
!

OM MANI PADME OM.
OM MANI PADME OM.
OM MANI PADME OM.
THAT TRIGGER-HAPPY GENERAL'S ABOUT TO DECLARE IT'S MEETING OF "THE MIDNIGHT SOCIETY" CLOSED FOR GOOD!
J.C., STOP... NHH... STOP STRUGGLING!
DAMMIT, WE'RE OUT OF TIME!
BL...OOD...

MOTHER-FRAKKER!!
GOD--! HERE!
YOU ARE A MAJOR PAIN IN THE ASS, YOU KNOW THAT?
KATIE. HOLD 'IM.
YEAH... THIS IS GONNA HURT.
SLURP SLURP GULP
DRINK!!
GAH!

POW
CUT IT OUT!!
UNH! CUT---
GLOW
TO GET YOU TO STOP, BILL COMPTON.
OUCH! WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR?!
HANG ON!!
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I SURE DON'T LIKE IT. NHH!
HUH? WHAT'S THAT?

FLOOP
CREAK
AND ON THE FOURTH DAY...
SCREEEACH
DON'T HIT THE PEOPLE!
DON'T HIT THE PEEEOPLE!!


THE DEMONESS LILITA ASCENDED TO THE HEAVENS...
FLAP
FLAP
AND WELCOMED HER BETROTHED WITH OPEN ARMS!
URRK
I'M ALWAYS READY!
GET READY--!

...!
THUMP
GOTCHA!
BROOOSH

WHAAAM!
OW! HOT! HOT!!
NO!!
SIR! ALL OUR INSTRUMENTS JUST SPIKED OFF THE SCALE!
?!
FRIII

FLASH
RANGER
LIEUTENANT! GET ME A SITREP, NOW! WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?!
LT.GEN. BALZAC
UNKNOWN, SIR! BUT OUR SATELLITES ARE SHOWING A SECONDARY PATTERN HAS FORMED IN THE MAGIC CIRCLE!
AND GROUND INSTRUMENTS ARE REGISTERING--
KRAAA

BREAK THROUGH THE TARTARUS GATE!!
AHHAHAHA!
YES! YES!!
COME FORTH, O MAGNIFICENT ANCIENT ONE!
SHATTER THE TIES THAT BIND YOU! FREE YOURSELF FROM YOUR ETERNAL PRISON!
GIANT HAND! GIANT HAAAND!!
I SEE IT! I SEE IT!!
TOGETHER!!
LET US RESHAPE THIS WORLD IN OUR OWN IMAGE...
KROOM
SCREEECH

COME FORTH, K'AANLL'NGUA!!
MWAAHHHHVVV
FRAK ME WITH A CHAIN-SAW.

UH, GUYS...
OH GOD! WHAT IS THAT THING?!
EW! GET THIS OFF ME!!
WH--? WHAT JUST HAPPENED? WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?
AH! I- I CAN TALK AGAIN!
GO FORTH, MY GORGEOUS HUNK!
FEAST UPON THIS WORLD THAT LIES BEFORE YOU!
AH HA HA HA HA!
AAARGGH!
NOOO!!
DEVOUR!!
DESTROY!
HELP!
AAAAAHH!!!
NOW THE LIGHTS!
GO TOWARDS THE LIGHTS!!
GOOD, GOOD!

NOOO!
DO NOT GO TO THE LIGHTS! TURN AWAY FROM THEM!!
THOOM THOOM THOOM
ODIN'S NOT GONNA SAVE US. NEITHER IS FENRIR OR ISIS.
ODIN, SAVE US.
BY STOP IT, YOU MEAN...?
WE'VE GOTTA STOP IT.
WE CAUSED THIS.
IT'S TIME FOR SOME LANDSCAPING.

AN ENDANGERED CRYPTID AND ONE THAT IS HEREBY PROTECTED UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973.
I HAVE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER FROM THE WHITE HOUSE ITSELF DECLARING K'AANLL'NGUA, ALSO KNOWN AS "THE GREAT ONE"...
WELCOME TO Fabulous LAS VEGAS NEVADA
I CAN'T WAIT 'TIL CONGRESS REPEALS THESE LAWS, GODDAMMIT!
GENERAL BRIGGS, YOU AND YOUR MEN ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO STAND DOWN AND WITHDRAW, EFFECTIVE... IMMEDIATELY.
AND WHAT LOOKED TO BE A WOLF GIRL--
SHK
STEPHANIE KANE, LEADER OF PARANORMAL MYSTERY SQUAD...
THIS IS TANA MONTGOMERY WITH FLOX NEWS REPORTING LIVE FROM HIGH ABOVE CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA WHERE JUST MOMENTS AGO...

CHARLOTTE, YOU READY?!
UH-HUH.
HOLD ONTO YOUR WAND...!
WAIT, DON, SOMETHING'S HAPPENING! THE BEAST HAS JUST FALLEN TO ONE KNEE!
LEAPT FROM THE ROOF OF THEIR WINNEBAGO ONTO THE RIGHT LEG OF THE TOWERING CREATURE.
JUMP!!
WAH?!!
CATCH
NNH...!

ARE YOU GETTING THIS, DON?! THAT'S CHARLOTTE ROTH, DAUGHTER OF FAMED YA AUTHOR PENELOPE ROTH, AND WITH HER IS FORMER PETM LIAISON, J.C. SUMMERFIELD.
BUT THE SPEED AT WHICH HE'S RUNNING... I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!
BWAAAAAST
OMG
ZOOM
MMRAAHHWW
NO, NO, NO!
GET UP! GET UP!!
I DIDN'T JUST BECOME YOUR CONSORT FOR YOU TO CHICKEN OUT HALFWAY THROUGH OUR HONEYMOON!!
SHOW OFF.

YAAAH!
YEAH, I'VE PLAYED THIS GAME BEFORE. YOU JUST TRY AND SQUASH ME.
MMRRAAA!
SCRATCH SCRATCH
SLASH
CHARLOTTE... THIS ISN'T WORKING!
CAN'T... NNH... CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE?
UH, SOMETHING ELSE... YOU GOT IT!
OH CRAP! OH CRAAAP!
WAAAAH!!

RAIN, CHAR?! SERIOUSLY?!
SHHAA
BREW OF STORMS, CHURN IT UP!
SHE HASN'T BEEN USING ANY SPELLS, AND SHE'S BARELY EVEN TRIED TO ATTACK US. IT'S LIKE SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY POWERS NOW.
SORRY, I DON'T FOLLOW.
BUT HAVE YOU TWO NOTICED ANYTHING WEIRD ABOUT OUR FLYING DEMON THERE? AS IN, SOMETHING LITA'S NOT DOING...?
HEY, CALL ME CRAZY...
I DUNNO. I KINDA LIKE THE RAIN!
AH HA HAHA!
OH, RIGHT! I KNEW THAT!
UH, YEAH... THAT'S 'CAUSE SHE HAS WINGS, KATIE.
YEAH, BUT SHE CAN STILL FLY, THOUGH.
IN EILONWY'S NAME... THAT'S GOOD NEWS!

I'M SO SORRY I MADE IT RAIN!
GET THEM! GET THEM! GET THEM!!
GRRR!
WE'RE ALMOST TO ITS HEAD. JUST A LITTLE FURTHER.
SPLAK SPLAK SPLAK
BUT I'M NOT OPPOSED TO DOING A LITTLE PEARL DIVING!
DAMN. YOU ARE ONE UGLY FUZZBURGER.

C'MON... SWING LOW. SWING LOW...
YAAAGGH!
KNOCK KNOCK
HI. I DON'T BELIEVE WE'VE MET.
HAH!!
DON! DON! I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M *SEEING* THIS! STEPHANIE KANE HAS LITERALLY *GOUGED* ONE OF THE BEAST'S--
MMMRRHAAO

RAAH!
RAAH!
RAAH!!
MMRAA
MRRAAAA
EEK!
OH MY GOD, LOOK! SOMEBODY'S GOTTA GET UP THERE!!
OOF!
SPLAT
YEAH. NO PROB.
JUST NEED A LITTLE, UH, BOOST IS ALL.
YEAH THAT'S IT. BOOST.
DAMN. KATIE, CAN YOU...?
DON, THIS IS... THIS IS TANA MONTGOMERY BECOMING PART OF THE STORY!
AHHH! AHHH!

O MAJESTIC HIPPOGRIFF, TAKE KATIE HIGH...
GULP
FWOOOSH
AND LET HER PATH BE TRUE!!
SNATCH
GYAAH?!

GOTCHA!
MMLLAARRW
GUESS IT'S JUST US NOW.
BUT WE'VE STILL GOTTA TAKE THIS GROWLBITE DOWN SOMEHOW.
IT'S NOW OR NEVER!
OHMYGOD. OHMYGOD. I THINK MY HEART STOPPED FOR A MINUTE THERE!
OX
NEWS

UNNH!
WHAT THE--?
UNH!
OH. STILL PEACE BONDED.
GREEEAT.
MUAAAARRRHH!
ALL RIGHT. OFFICIALLY OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS
FLOX NEWS
WHOAAA!
GET BACK HERE, YOU SPINELESS MEAT SACKS!
DON, THE CREATURE, WITH A NAME NOT SUITABLE FOR BROADCAST TELEVISION, HAS JUST TAKEN OUT THE MONTE CARLO...
AND NOW SEEMS TO HAVE ITS SIGHTS SET ON THE PARIS LAS VEGAS HOTEL!
BUT WE'RE BEING RELENTLESSLY PURSUED BY THE DEMON LITA. DON, IF WE DON'T MAKE IT...MAKE SURE MY CATS GET A GOOD HOME.

WHEN "CONNIE" HERE TAKES HIS FINAL *MUFF DIVE*, IT'S ALL YOU. YOU'VE GOTTA FINISH LITA OFF.
WHA--? *ME?!!*
YEP. NO MERCY, SIS.
KATIE, WE'RE ABOUT TO TRY SOMETHING. I NEED YOU TO BE READY.
RUB THIS *BITCH* OUT!
IT'S NOT GOING IN!
DAMMIT!
STABBY STAB STAB STAB

RIGHT! UNNH! UNNH!
IT HAS TO!
C'MON, CHARLOTTE, HELP ME! JUST A LITTLE MORE!
CHIP
CHIP
CHIP
CHIP
CHIP
THAT LOOKS GOOD! LET ME TRY IT NOW!
ALL RIGHT, CHARLOTTE. IT'S ALL YOU.
LIGHTNING SPELL!
I- I C, N'T! MARCY SAID WE HAD TO BE HUMANE--!
THERE. PHEW!
WE'RE GOOD.
HYAAH!

SCREW MARCY! SCREW PETM! HOW CAN WE BE HUMANE WHEN THIS THING ISN'T EVEN HUMAN?!
WE CAN'T ALLOW ANY MORE PEOPLE TO GET HURT ON OUR WATCH!! DO IT!!
CHARLOTTE, STEPHANIE'S RIGHT. THIS HAS ALL GOTTEN WAY OUT OF HAND.
MS. O'KEEFFE WOULDN'T HAVE WANTED THIS TO HAPPEN. WE STARTED IT. WE DO HAVE TO END IT.
BUT...
WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING.
MM.
I... I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING TO SAY--!
SERIOUSLY, CHAR? LIGHTNING FROM THE SKY? THUNDER?
TRUST ME, LITTLE MISS "ISIS." JUST SAY THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND. DON'T THINK. JUST SAY IT.

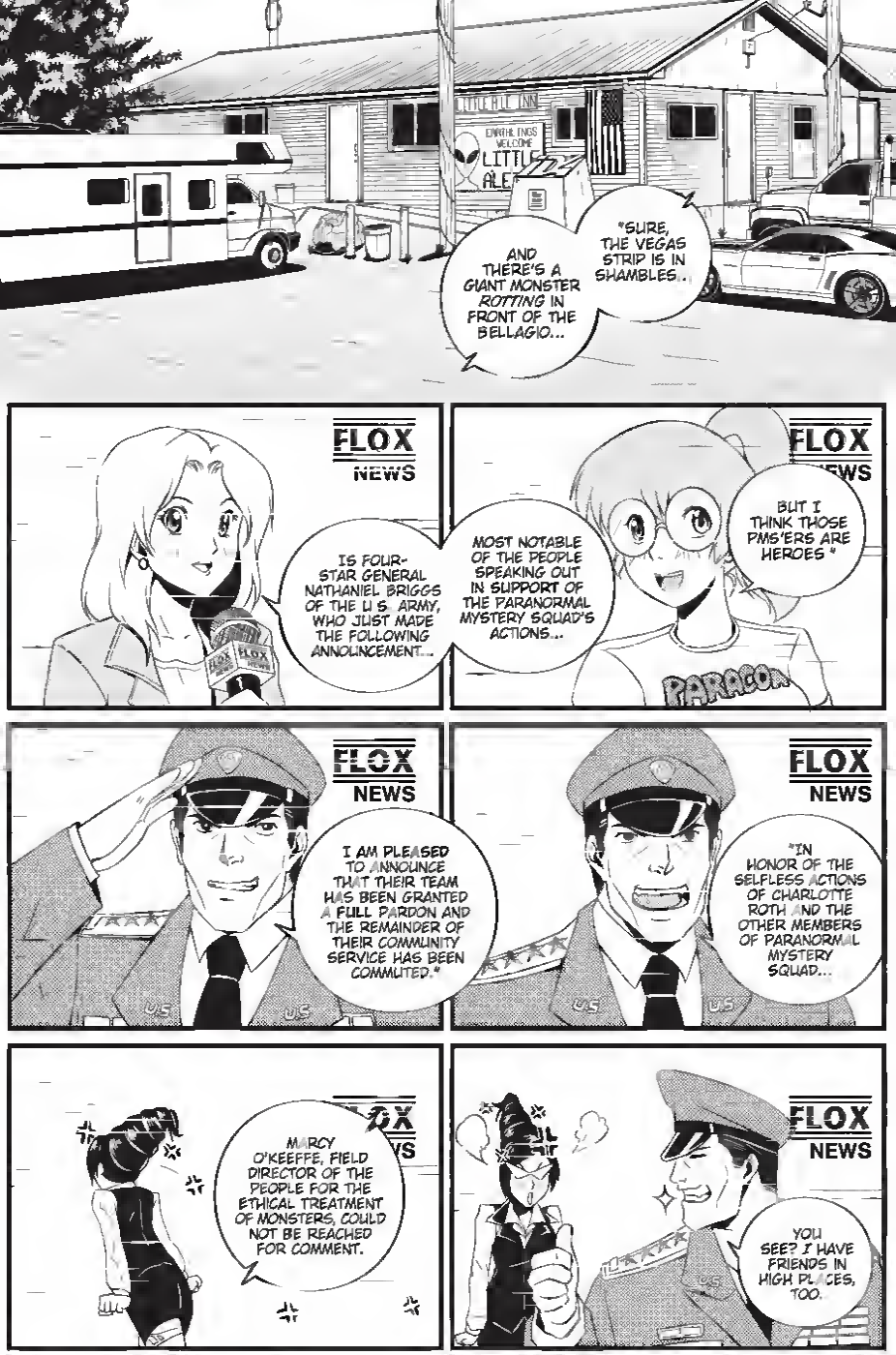
SHAZAAAM!!
CHAR, SAY IT!!
MMRROOOAHH
MMR RAAAAHHHH
KRAKOOOM

KRAKOOM
UH... CAPTAIN MARVEL!
THAT'S IT! DO IT AGAIN!
KRAKOOM
MARY MARVEL!!
AGAIN!
KRAKOOM
CAPTAIN MARVEL... JUNIOR!!!
AGAAAAIN!!
NO, NO, NO!!!
MMMRRRRRRRGGGGGHHHHHOOOOOOKKK

HEY, LITA!
KATIE, NOW! IT'S ALL YOU!!
NO! STAY AWAY---!
GO SMURF YOURSELF!!
SLAASH
GAAAK?!
WHAM

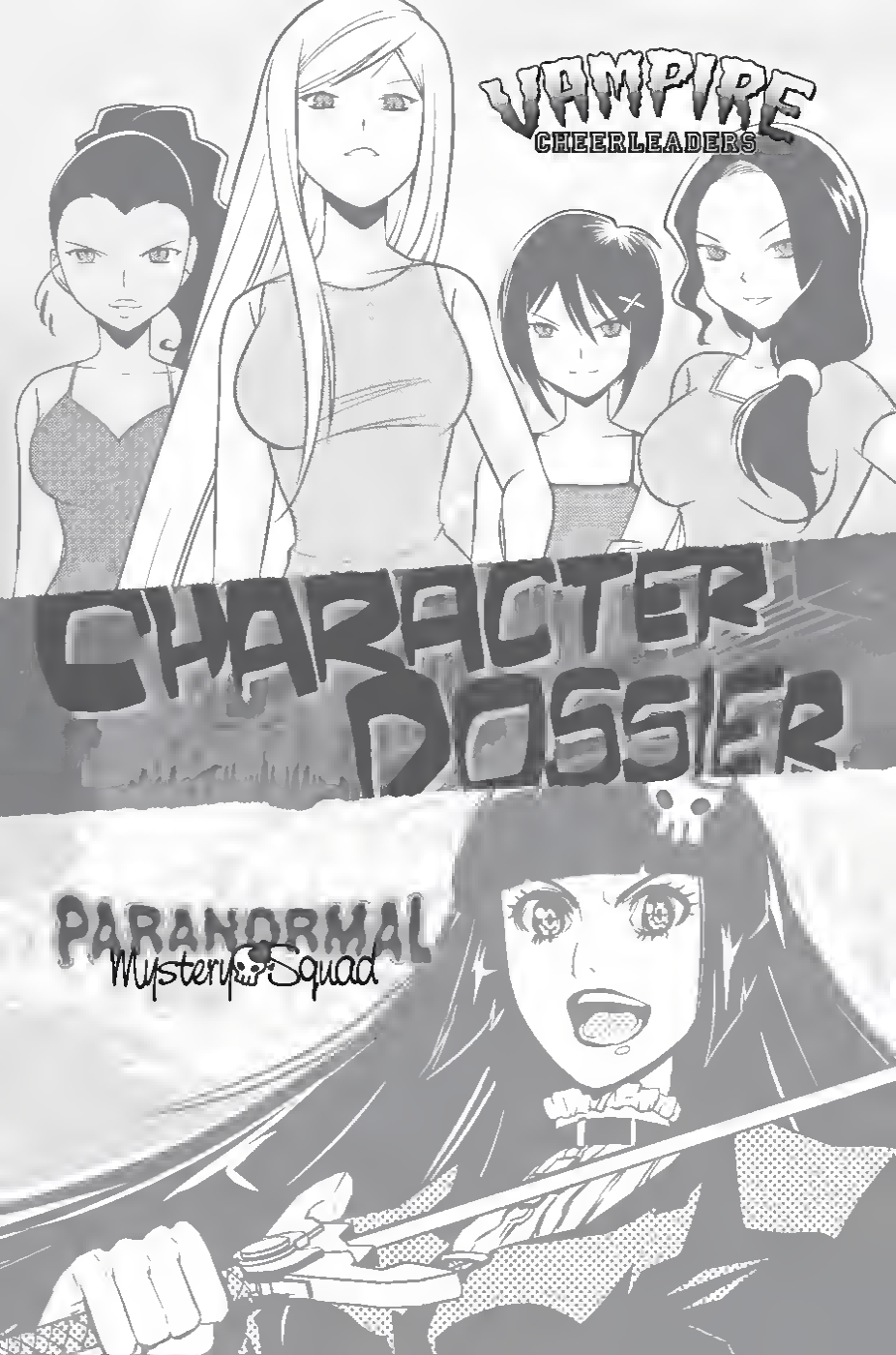
NOT WITHOUT MY JIAN!
C'MON! WE GOTTA GET OFF THIS THING!!
THMP
CRUNCH
GET ME OFF THIS CRAZY THING!
OH CRAP! ABANDON MONSTER! ABANDON MONSTER!!
WHOOOOA!
SPLAAAK
DON, THEY'VE DONE IT! THE PARANORMAL MYSTERY SQUAD HAS BROUGHT DOWN "THE GREAT ONE" WAIT, IT'S FALLING BACKWARDS...!

SHOULD WE..STICK AROUND?
AND LET MARCY REAM US OUT AGAIN BECAUSE WE JUST IMPALED SOME ANTEDILUVIAN HORROR ONTO THE EIFFEL TOWER...
AND TURNED SOME CRAZY DEMON CHICK INTO STREET PIZZA?
TOTALLY.
GOT A POINT THERE.
NOOOO WAY!
TAXI!!
CAESARS PALACE


"SURE, THE VEGAS STRIP IS IN SHAMBLES..
AND THERE'S A GIANT MONSTER ROTTING IN FRONT OF THE BELLAGIO...
FLOX NEWS
IS FOUR-STAR GENERAL NATHANIEL BRIGGS OF THE U.S. ARMY, WHO JUST MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT...
MOST NOTABLE OF THE PEOPLE SPEAKING OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE PARANORMAL MYSTERY SQUAD'S ACTIONS...
BUT I THINK THOSE PMS'ERS ARE HEROES."
PARAGON
I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEIR TEAM HAS BEEN GRANTED A FULL PARDON AND THE REMAINDER OF THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE HAS BEEN COMMUTED."
"IN HONOR OF THE SELFLESS ACTIONS OF CHARLOTTE ROTH AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF PARANORMAL MYSTERY SQUAD...
MARCY O'KEEFFE, FIELD DIRECTOR OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF MONSTERS, COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT.
YOU SEE? I HAVE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES, TOO.

YOU MEAN, INFAMOUS, RIGHT?
SO DOES THIS MEAN WE'RE FAMOUS NOW?
WEREN'T WE ALREADY THAT?
SCORE ONE FOR RAVEN-CLAW!!
FLO NEWS
HEY, YOU!
PETM
HEE HEE HEE!
DAMN, YOUR VOICES ARE SO GRATING.
UGH...

GOD! KEEP IT DOWN, WILL YOU? I'VE GOT A SPLITTING HEADACHE THANKS TO THIS FURRY BRAT.
BUT... BUT I KILLED HER...!
AARRRGH?!!
PET
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
SO, DOES.. DOES THIS MEAN I ONLY SORTA KILLED HER THEN?
WAVE WAVE
GHOST?
YES, YOU KILLED HER ALL RIGHT.
HAUNTING YOU FOR ALL ETERNITY. HAPPY?!
SO THIS MEANS YOU'RE GOING TO BE HANGING AROUND A LOT.
NO, YOU FURRY IMBECILE.
YOU KILLED ME WHILE I WAS MORTAL, SO NOW I'M SPROCKING BONDED TO YOU!
GREAT, JUST WHAT WE NEEDED.. ANOTHER PET.
Meep?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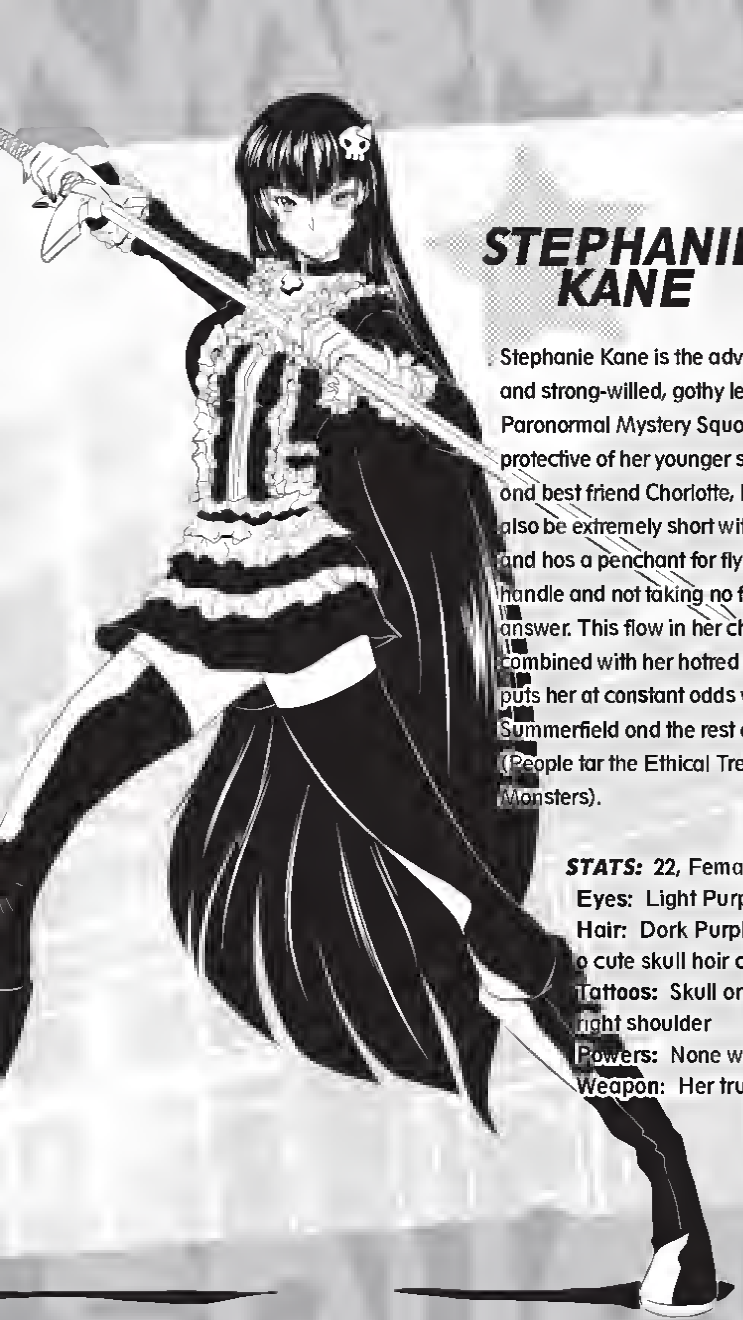


STEPHANIE KANE

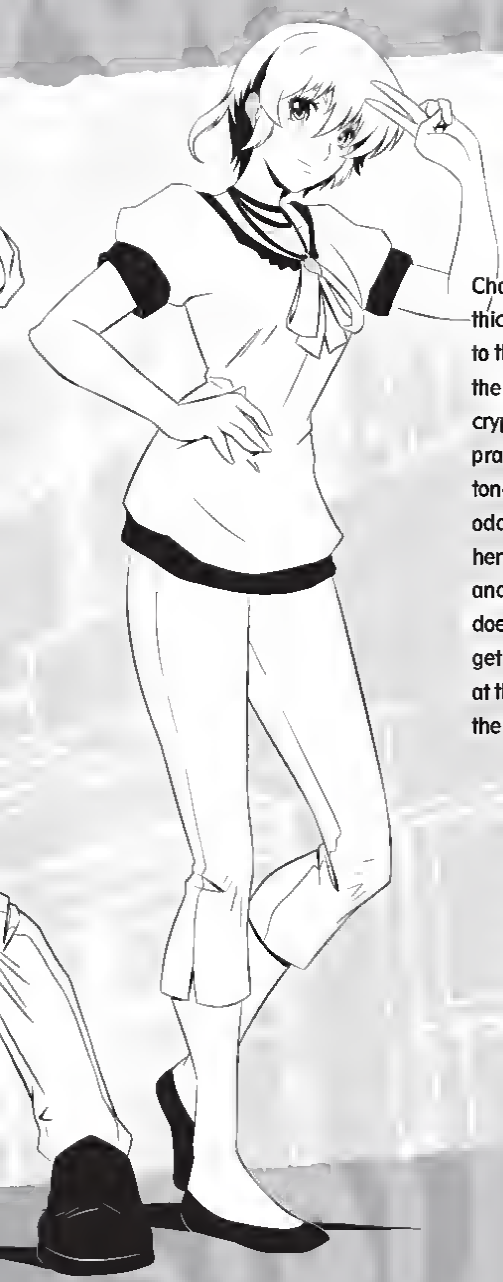
Stephanie Kane is the adventurous and strong-willed, gothy leoder of the Paronormal Mystery Squod. She's protective of her younger sister Kotie ond best friend Chorlotte, but she con also be extremely short with people and hos a penchant for flying off the handle and not taking no for an answer. This flow in her charocter, combined with her hotred of cryptids, puts her at constant odds with J.C. Summerfield ond the rest of PETM (People tar the Ethical Treatment of Monsters).

STATS: 22, Female
Eyes: Light Purple
Hair: Dork Purple with o cute skull hoir clip
Tattoos: Skull on top of right shoulder
Powers: None whatsoever
Weapon: Her trusty Jian

KATHERINE "KATIE" KANE

Katie is Stephanie's bratty and extremely moody teenage little sister. She changes in the blink of an eye from boy crazy to pouty to being a downright drama queen. Katie is a freshman at Bakertown High School. If it were up to her, Katie would like nothing more than to just be a normal teen going out on dates and hanging out with her friends...but Stephanie insists on dragging Katie along on these crazy paronormal jaunts of hers! And it was on one of these fateful cases that things went monstrously wrong and Katie was attacked by a vicious werewolf looking to mate!

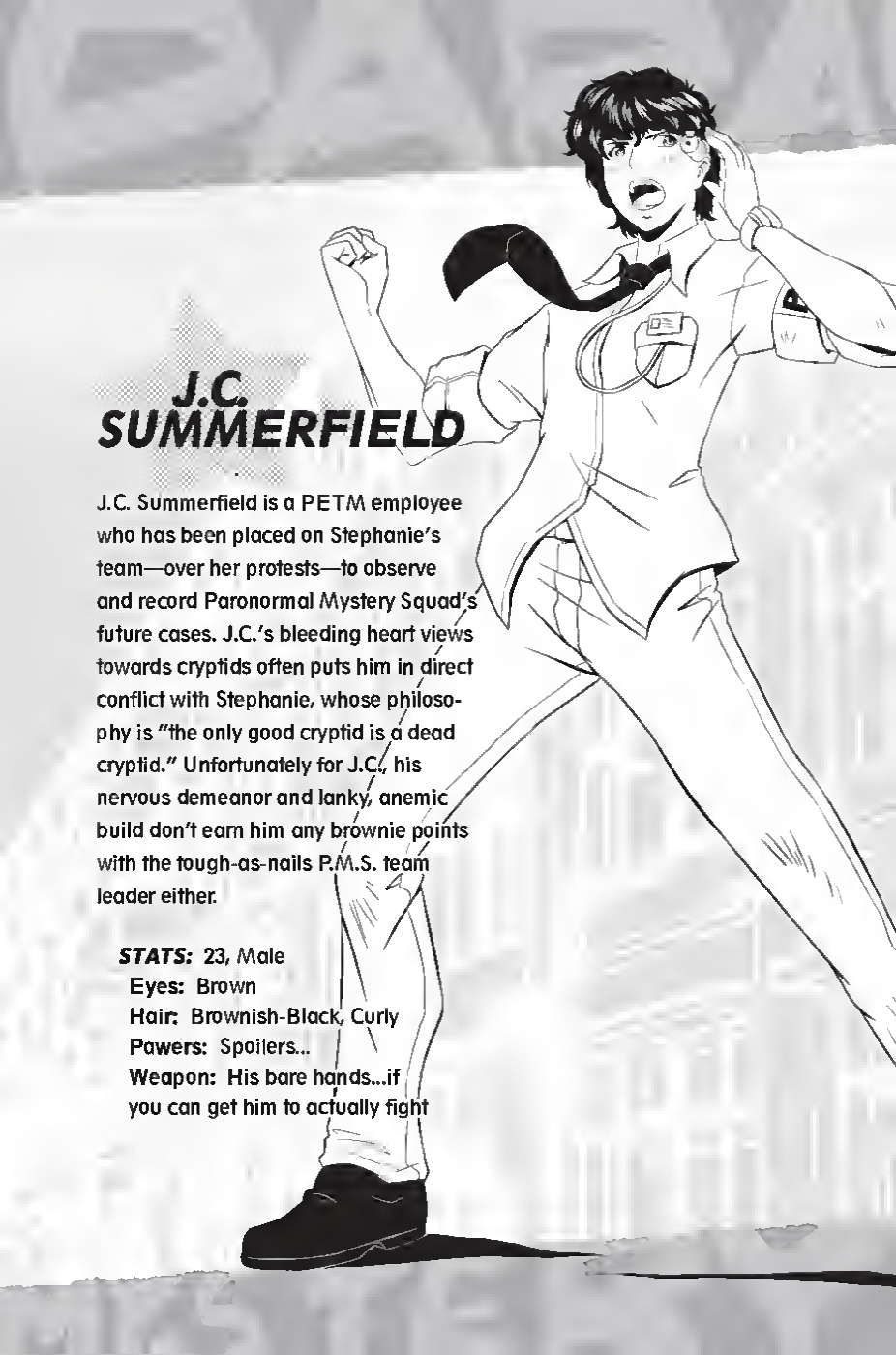
STATS: 15, Female
Eyes: Green
Hair: Purplish Red
Powers: Can turn into a werewolf when aroused (no little blue pill required)
Weapon: Teeth and claws



CHARLOTTE ROTH

Charlotte and Stephanie have been thick as thieves since childhood due to their parents dragging them around the world on various paranormal and cryptid-hunting jaunts. Charlotte is a practicing Wiccan and has a special fondness for old TV shows...which oddly enough, seems to spill over into her spells. Charlotte is a very cheerful and warm person by nature, but she doesn't do well under pressure and can get quite flustered or freeze completely at the worst possible moment, much to the chagrin of her teammates.

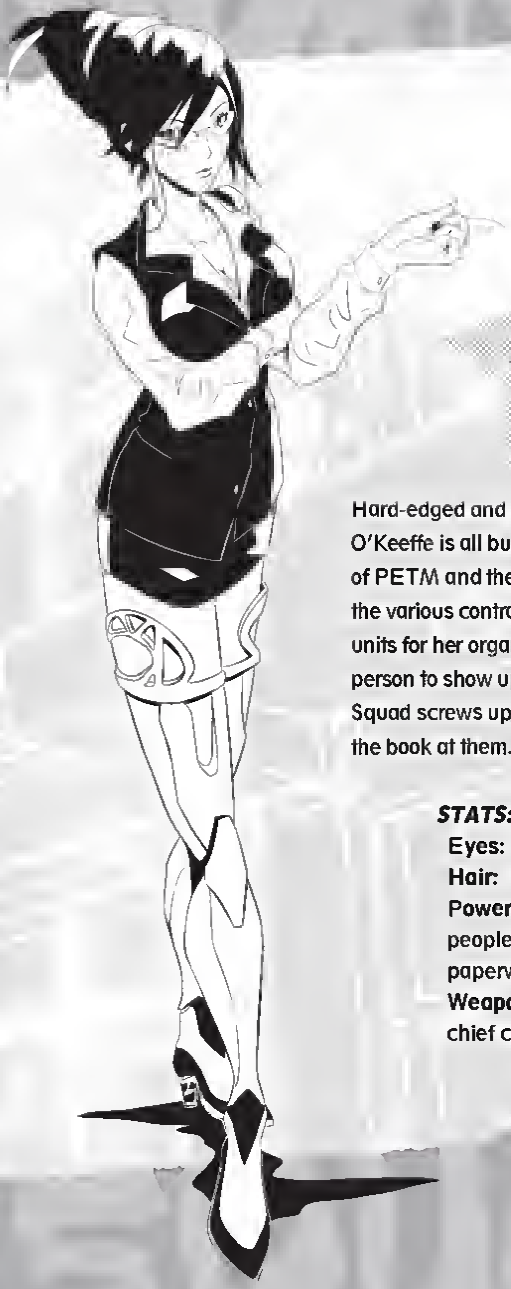
STATS: 21, Female
Eyes: One Green, One Blue
Hair: Green and White
Powers: Wiccan with the power to see auras and cast elemental spells...if she can focus long enough, that is
Weapon: Magic staff and occasional wand (for easy portability)



J.C. SUMMERFIELD

J.C. Summerfield is a PETM employee who has been placed on Stephanie's team—over her protests—to observe and record Paronormal Mystery Squad's future cases. J.C.'s bleeding heart views towards cryptids often puts him in direct conflict with Stephanie, whose philosophy is "the only good cryptid is a dead cryptid." Unfortunately for J.C., his nervous demeanor and lanky, anemic build don't earn him any brownie points with the tough-as-nails P.M.S. team leader either.

STATS: 23, Male
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brownish-Black, Curly
Pawers: Spoilers...
Weapon: His bare hands...if you can get him to actually fight



MARCY O'KEEFFE

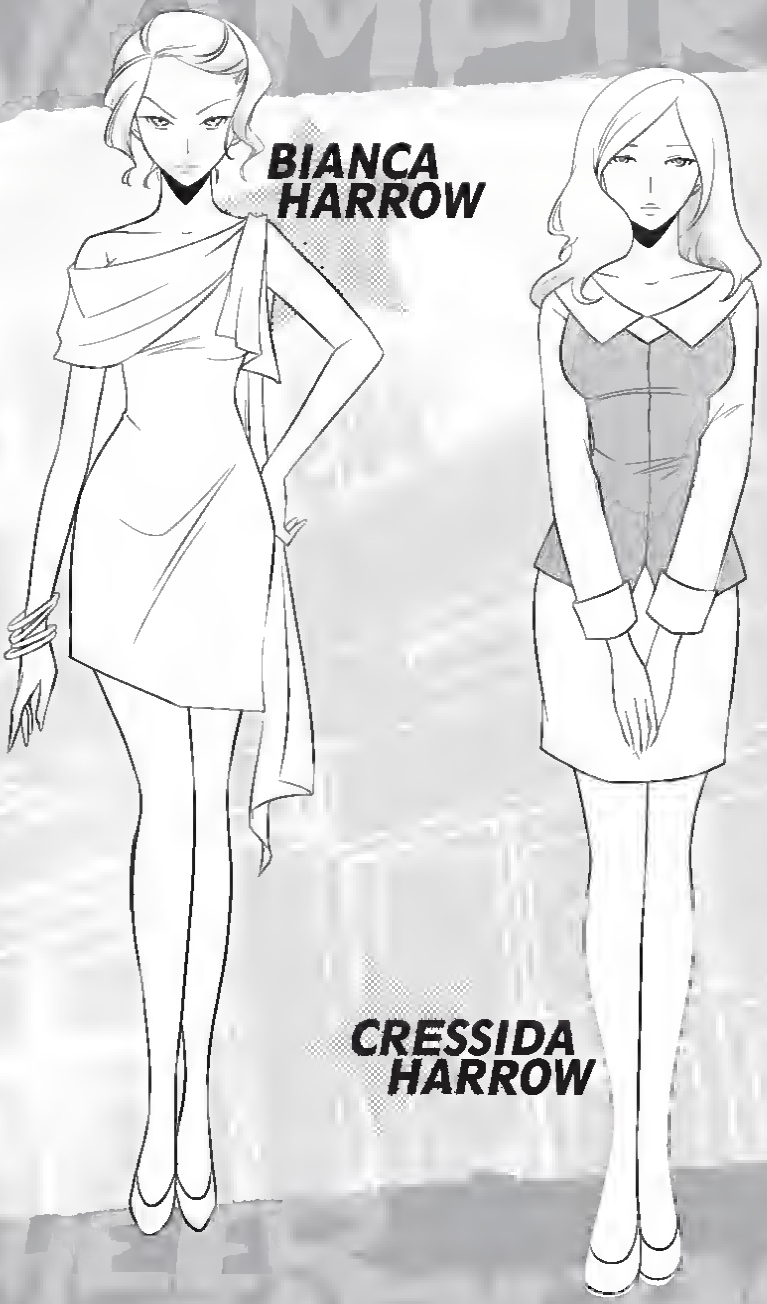
Hard-edged and not to be messed with, Marcy O'Keeffe is all business. She is the Field Director of PETM and the person who directly oversees the various contractors and specimen retrieval units for her organization. She's also the first person to show up when Paranormal Mystery Squad screws up, and the first person to throw the book at them.

STATS: 42, Female
Eyes: Green, Wears Glasses
Hair: Dark Green
Powers: The ability to bury people that cross her in endless paperwork and litigation
Weapon: Mr. Lomax, PETM's chief counsel

GENERAL BRIGGS

LITA

THE GREAT ONE


BIANCA HARROW
CRESSIDA HARROW

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LINGONBERRIES Guest Strip 1 (of 2)

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SOME YEARS AGO
THEY LOOK DONE TO ME
JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER, NINA.. EH HEH..
YOU SURE THIS WON'T HURT?
OKAY ..
NAH, IT'LL BE QUICK. YOU WON'T FEEL A THING. JUST A QUICK PRICK.
TOYS
CHOMP
HA HA! THAT TICKLES, LAYLA!
MMM. STEPHANIE, YOUR BLOOD IS SO SWEET.
TANGY EVEN. LIKE RASPBERRIES, NO.. LINGONBERRIES.
REALLY? IT TASTES THAT GOOD?
YEAH! BLOOD TASTES DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON THE VINTAGE AND YOU'RE A GOOD VINTAGE
DON'T BELIEVE ME? GO ON, SEE FOR YOURSELF. GIVE IT A LITTLE TRY.
STEPHANIE, I DUNNO... (
WELL, I DO LIKE LINGONBERRY JAM..
OH, HECK.. WHY NOT?
LICK
BLAAAH! IT TASTES LIKE TINFOIL!
PITOOWEI! PITOOWEI!
AH HA HA HA HA!!
GOTCHA!!!

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READ ME LEFT-TO-RIGHT →

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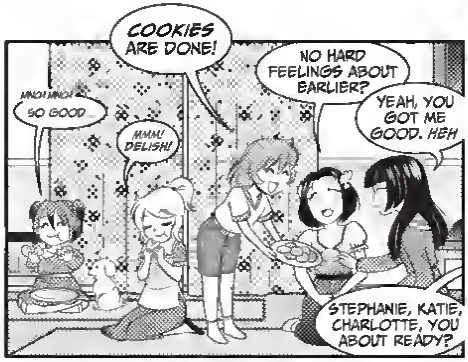
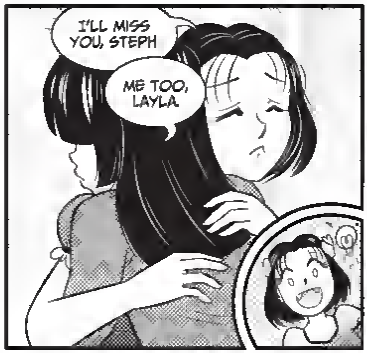
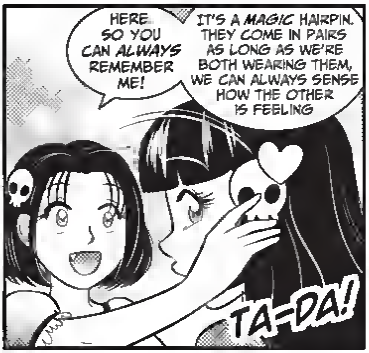

COOKIES ARE DONE!
NO HARD FEELINGS ABOUT EARLIER?
YEAH, YOU GOT ME GOOD. HEH
MMM! MMM! SO GOOD
MMM! DELISH!
STEPHANIE, KATIE, CHARLOTTE, YOU ABOUT READY?

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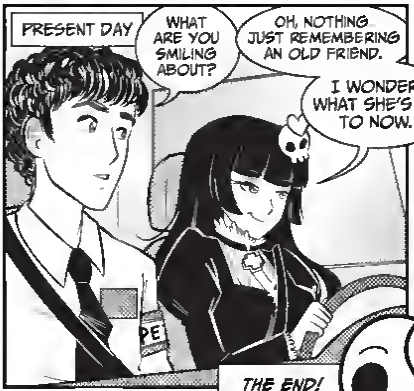

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